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Worst quake hits Philippines

Scores of buildings, bridges knocked down killing 94

MANILA, July 16, (Agencies): The worst earthquake to hit the Philippines in two decades toppled buildings today, knocked down bridges and triggered landslides, killing at least 94 people, most of them high-school students, relief sources and news reports said.

Richter scale readings world-wide placed the magnitude of the quake, which struck at 4.26 pm, at 6.2 to 8.0.



Party for jurors

After weeks of testimony about how she and her late husband stole millions of dollars to buy skyscrapers and jewellery, Imelda Marcos thought the jurors who acquitted her deserved to be shown some appreciation.

Drawing on her experience as the first lady in Manila, she threw a party.

It featured Filipino food and entertainment, including Imelda's own soprano rendering of "God bless America."

Ten of the 12 jurors who on July 2 acquitted Imelda and



her co-defendant, Saudi Arabian financier Adnan Khashoggi, attended the Saturday afternoon affair at Imelda's Penthouse on Manhattan's east side.

The 100-plus guests also included court personnel, and friends and relatives who sat everyday in the courtroom.

Imelda leaves court; and a delighted Khashoggi with son Hussein and daughter Nabil.

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18 killed as rivals fight for Jarjouch

NABATIYEH, Lebanon, July 16, (Reuter): Pro-Iranian Hezbollah militia today captured a strategic south Lebanon stronghold from the Syrian-backed Amal after some of the fiercest fighting between the Shiite rivals this year, security sources said.

They reported at least 18 people were killed and 60 wounded in the nine-hour battle for Jarjouch in the mountainous Iqlim Al Toufah area, 40 kms (25 miles) south of Beirut.

Amal militiamen pulled out from the village after suffering extensive casualties and later launched a counter-offensive, the sources said.

The fighting, with artillery, mortars, multi-barrelled rocket launchers and machine-guns, engulfed 10 other mountain villages, starting fires and forcing scores of families to flee.

"Shells are falling at a rate of one every five seconds and a huge black cloud is hanging above Jarjouch," said a resident of a nearby village during the battles.

He said the bombardment prevented ambulances and rescue workers from entering the battlefield and casualties lay matted in the streets.

Security sources said five Hezbollah fighters and seven Amal militiamen were among the dead. Hospitals appealed for blood.

Each side accused the other of starting the fighting which began soon after dawn.

Feud

Amal and Hezbollah, vying for leadership of Lebanon's 1.3 million Shiites, have fought repeatedly in Beirut, its southern suburbs, south Lebanon and the eastern Bekaa valley. Some 1,000 people have been killed in the feud.

During the fighting in Jarjouch, Israeli warplanes flew reconnaissance flights over the area, the sources said.

Israeli jets last week bombed a Hezbollah base near Jarjouch. Hezbollah accused Amal of launching ground attacks to help the Israelis, a charge denied by Amal.

Also in south Lebanon, fighters of the Nasrere Popular Organisation fought a two-hour gunbattle with militiamen of the Israel-backed South Lebanon Army around Kfar Falouq, east of the provincial capital of Sidon.

Both sides used rockets and artillery and police said two people were wounded before the clashes died down around 1 pm (1600 GMT).

In Beirut, Ibrahim met for 90 minutes late yesterday with rebel Christian Gen. Michel Aoun, seeking to persuade him to accept a peace initiative launched last week by Syrian-backed President Hafez Hrawi's government.

Betrayal's conservative Al Anwar daily, which is close to Aoun, described the discussions as "rough."

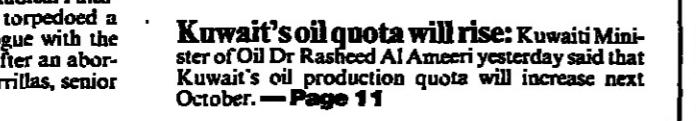
Ibrahim refused to give any details of the talks.



Iraq frees nurse

Iraq released Daphne Parish (picture) yesterday saying the British nurse jailed on espionage charges for which a journalist was hanged had been freed on humanitarian grounds, officials said.

The British Foreign Office hailed the move as "a first step toward a new and fruitful relationship between Britain and Iraq." — Page 6



Kuwait's oil quota will rise: Kuwaiti Minister of Oil Dr Rasheed Al Ameri yesterday said that Kuwait's oil production quota will increase next October. — Page 11

The civil defence office reported the five-star Hyatt Regency Hotel and five other firms were severely damaged but the extent of damage was not immediately known. Commercial telephone lines to Baguio were knocked down and landslides were reported in approaches to the area.

The Pentagon in Washington had no immediate word of casualties among the 15,000 US military personnel in the Philippines but said Camp John Hay near Baguio, a rest-and-recreation centre for the military, had requested urgent medical attention.

Police said six people were killed in metropolitan Manila.

Several dozen high-rises were damaged in the capital and six major bridges on highways leading to the north were destroyed. More than 150 houses were flattened, leaving 200 families homeless. Tents were rushed to some areas where residents refused to go back to their homes as night fell.

Scores were reported injured in Manila and other areas hit by the tremor, the strongest to hit Luzon since 307 people died in a major quake Aug. 2, 1968, in Manila.

President Corazon Aquino urged Filipinos to stay calm and to take all necessary precautions.

"Let us pray to God to keep us safe," Aquino said. Aquino said she was meeting with some senators at the presidential palace when the quake struck. She said she hid under a table for about 30 seconds.

"What the coup was not able to do, the earthquake did," said Aquino, referring to a December coup attempt in which more than 100 people were killed. "It was really an earth-shaking meeting. This is why I'm going to limit my meetings with senators."

Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos said he had accepted a US offer of assistance in the rescue effort.

Thousands of Manila office workers raced out into the streets when their high-rise workplaces began shaking. Streets were littered with glass shards, concrete slabs and collapsed communications and power lines.

School classes were suspended in the capital, but operations remained normal at the Manila airport. Two fires were reported in two areas of the city of 8 million.

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A woman is carried to a hospital emergency ward after she fainted during the earthquake. (Reuter wirephoto)



An injured woman is being carried on a stretcher out of a hospital in Manila. (Reuter wirephoto)

Scenes of agony

Children scream beneath collapsed school

CABANATUAN CITY, July 16, (AP): "Mommy, Mommy, come here," screamed Loida Gabwat, 14, after she was pulled from the rubble of a school fallen today by an earthquake. "I can't go through this alone. My friends are dead inside."

Miss Gabwat was among hundreds of students and teachers inside the Christian College of the Philippines when an earthquake struck, toppling the six-story building in this city 60 miles (100 kms) north of Manila.

Hours after the tremor, hundreds of anxious relatives and friends watched and prayed as volunteer rescuers dug through the rubble of the school, which included first grade through the senior year of college.

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rubble. He said there were 54 students in his class. More than 10 hours after the quake, he was the only one of them who had been rescued.

"I prayed to God that if I survive, I'll hear mass every day," he said from his hospital bed. He said his friend Michael Nuevo joked that he would never go to a "high" school again.

Moments later, Michael died, Cenando said.

"We were kidding each other, comforting each other," Cenando said softly. "Then suddenly, he stopped breathing. He said 'Praise the Lord,' 'Our Father, our Father, our Father.' Then he was silent."

"Mother, mother, help me, I can't take it any more," screamed another 23-year-old worker Roberto Cabral, his leg pinned under a block of concrete.

"I saw 10 bodies pinned down, mostly young students, girls wearing their green uniforms. I could see whole bodies, heads, hair, limbs, some looking like they were crying for help when crushed," said one reporter.

Children and staff trapped in the wreckage of the six-story building cried out for help as rescue workers scrambled to pull out survivors.

Soldiers working through the night to reach at least 40 children and teachers said they could hear the sound of knocking from under the fallen masonry. But they said they believed they would find many bodies.

Military and civil defence reporters said at least 30 of the high school students were confirmed dead.

Black shoes, ballpoint pens, notebooks and school books were scattered amongst the debris of the school at Cabanatuan, 90 km (55 miles) north of Manila.

"We were going down the stairs when we noticed that it was collapsing," said Edralin Dino, a 13-year-old first year high school student.

Five floors of the Christian College, made of hollow concrete blocks, crumbled when the earthquake struck, trapping children who were just leaving a language class.

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INTERNATIONAL



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De Guzman 'eliminated' 'Buyer' DEA agent

MANILA, Philippines, July 16. (AP): An American identified as a "buyer" in a drug deal that left a colonel and two other alleged dealers dead was actually a US undercover agent, official confirmed today.

Last Tuesday, police and National Bureau of Investigation agents shot and killed Col Rolando de Guzman, deputy chief of the military's Northern Luzon Command, his intelligence chief Maj. Franco Calanog and a military informant.

Escaped

The police contended the three were killed during a shootout that started during an aborted heroin deal in suburban Makati. The NBI said the American buyer, Phil Needham, had escaped.

Today, however, the Philippine Daily Inquirer newspaper identified Needham as a US Drug Enforcement Administration agent from Bangkok, Thailand, who posed as the buyer.

Robbers killed 100 passengers

BANGKOK, July 16. (AP): Robbers raiding a train in Cambodia killed more than 100 passengers, said the country's official SPK news agency today.

Cambodia's Defence Minister, Gen. Tea Banh, mentioned the raid at a news conference in Phnom Penh on Saturday while speaking about the war against guerrillas opposing his Vietnamese-installed government, the report said.

"The robbers killed more than 100 passengers and robbed their property and foodstuff" in the recent attack in the Kompong Trach district of Kampot province, the general said. He added that the railway was sometimes raided at vulnerable points in Kampot.

The report did not say whether the general identified the assailants.

It was not possible to confirm the reported raid. Previous claims by the communist government have been exaggerated.

Guerrillas had claimed the minister had been arrested and detained in Vietnam.

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Cory opposes debt limitation

NEW YORK, July 16. (AP): Two weeks after a federal jury acquitted her of fraud, Imelda Marcos has been ordered by the US Justice Department to face grand jury questioning in second criminal proceeding.

Mrs Marcos said two federal agents served her Friday with a subpoena to appear in Pittsburgh on Sept. 25. The case involves a nuclear power plant the Westinghouse Electric Corp. Built in the Philippines in the early 1980s, when her husband, the late Ferdinand Marcos, still was president of the Philippines.

The current Philippines government has sued Westinghouse, alleging it built a plant that could not be operated.

"They said they want me to come and bring all my documents. I don't really know what this is all about," Mrs Marcos told the Associated Press on Saturday during a press conference she organized to thank jurors from her trial.

The subpoena, a copy of which was obtained by the AP, was issued under the name of Theodore S. Green, deputy chief of the Justice Department's fraud section in Washington. It does not indicate whether Mrs Marcos is a target of the investigation.

A source close to Mrs Marcos, asking not to be identified, said she "definitely will appear" as

ordered unless the government advises her that she is a target of the inquiry, in which case she would refuse.

US Attorney Thomas W. Corbett Jr. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania declined to comment, citing the secrecy of grand jury proceedings.

The subpoena, dated July 11 by the US District Court in Pittsburgh, instructed Mrs Marcos to bring documents "relating directly or indirectly to the payment of commissions or anything of value" by Westinghouse or Burns & Roe Inc. to the Marcoses or their agents since Jan. 1, 1973.

In Pittsburgh, Westinghouse spokesman Paul B. Jones said the

subpoena served on Mrs Marcos may bear some relation to a lawsuit filed by the government of President Corazon Aquino, which is still seeking to recover millions of dollars allegedly diverted by the Marcoses.

Jones said safety concerns stemming from an accident at Pennsylvania's Three Mile Island nuclear power plant delayed the Philippines plant's opening. After Aquino took office, the safety concerns became a political issue, he said.

"The Philippine government sued Westinghouse because the plant was sitting there. They chose not to operate it," Jones said. He declined to discuss further details of the suit.

Ministers meet tomorrow

Peace plan on Kashmir

COLOMBO, July 16. (Agencies): Twenty-six Tamil guerrillas and three government soldiers were killed today in fierce battles in eastern Sri Lanka, the government said.

The Defense Ministry reported the casualties hours after Deputy Defense Minister Ranjan Wijeratne said the security forces had launched a fresh offensive in the north against Tamil separatists.

The northern drive began at the weekend after operations against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam had been virtually completed in the east, Wijeratne told a news conference.

The Defense Ministry said 11 Tigers were killed in a battle that erupted in the eastern Trincomalee district when rebels fired on security forces conducting a mopping up operation.

Three soldiers died and four were wounded, it said.

In the eastern Batticaloa district, 15 guerrillas were killed when the security forces opened fire as they tried to escape in two boats after setting off a landmine.

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There was no independent confirmation of the casualties.

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ISLAMABAD. "Sheikh Khalifa affirmed Bahrain's stand of seeking to mediate between the two neighboring states of Pakistan and India during talks between the foreign ministers of both countries in Islamabad.

The Gulf News Agency said Benazir told her Bahraini counterpart Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa that Pakistan drew up the initiative to avert a military confrontation with India. There were no further details.

A seven-month-old rebellion in the predominantly Muslim province aimed at either union with Pakistan or independence has put Indian and Pakistani forces on alert along the border.

Foreign Ministry officials of both states were due to meet in Islamabad on Wednesday.

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The Tigers have been fighting for almost two decades for a separate state for minority Tamils in the north and east.

Most of the rebels who fought in the east after the Tigers launched a surprise offensive on June 11 have now fled to the jungles where they are being pursued by government troops, Wijeratne said.

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Crisis eases as Chautala quits

Second time in two months

NEW DELHI, July 16. (Agencies): A controversial figure in the ruling National Front government of Prime Minister V.P. Singh bowed to internal pressure and resigned today, easing the worst political crisis of Singh's 7-month-old rule.

Janata Dal Party President S.R. Bommai announced that Om Prakash Chautala had quickly accepted the organization's appeal and resigned his position as chief minister of the Haryana state government.

Chautala is the son of Deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal.

His resignation further defused the government crisis and appeared to be a political victory for Singh, who was engaged in a power struggle with his deputy over whether Devi Lal's son would be allowed to continue.

"I am happy to announce that Mr Chautala, Chief Minister of Haryana, has resigned at my request in the interest of the party," Bommai told a news conference.

Devi Lal told the Press Trust of India news agency, he would abide by the Janata Dal's decision asking for his son's resignation.

Earlier Devi Lal told senior Janata Dal leaders that VP Singh should accept resignations of Arun Nehru, Arif Mohammad Khan and Satya Pal Malik, who triggered the controversy by resigning over re-installation of Om Prakash Chautala as chief minister.

The prime minister, who also offered to resign on this issue gave an ultimatum to the party President S.R. Bommai to resolve Chautala crisis by today. Singh was earlier persuaded by the party leaders not to press his resignation.

Devi Lal earlier had a long meeting with senior party bosses including Chandrashekhar, Ajit Singh, Biju Patnaik and Assam Chief Minister Prafull Kumar Mohanta.

Hectic efforts are being made by them to avoid the split. Activities in both camps were in full swing while the senior leaders kept meeting each other. Many members of parliament met the prime minister today to express their confidence in him. They asked him to deal with the situation firmly.

It was the second time in two months that Chautala had been forced to give up the Haryana chief ministry. He was forced to resign the office May 22 when a controversy erupted over the assassination of a state political candidate.

Chautala, who succeeded his father in the chief ministry, had earlier been accused of trying to rig a by-election in the state in a desperate bid to retain the family's political power base.

Devi Lal, a Janata Dal power broker whose family controls the Haryana state assembly, was widely believed to have engineered the re-election of his son, and opponents criticised Singh for failing to oppose the political manoeuvring.

The controversial election last Thursday prompted three cabinet ministers in the central government to offer their resignations in protest, claiming the prime minister had violated his campaign pledge to restore honesty in government.

Reacting to the protests, Singh offered Saturday to resign, triggering the worst crisis of the seven-month-old coalition government. But pressure from supporters in his party and the coalition prompted him to agree to withdraw the resignation Sunday.

Meanwhile, four more ministers resigned last night, including External Affairs Minister I.K. Gujral, his deputy Hari Kishore Singh, Minister of State for Commerce Arangil Sreedharan and Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies Ram Puja Patel. With these, the number of those who have resigned in protest against Chautala's return rose to thirteen.

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Two victims of bomb blasts receive treatment at their home after six bombs went off in Hyderabad. (Reuter wirephoto)

PR woman wins damages: A Canadian-based public relations consultant won substantial undisclosed damages yesterday over a London newspaper report of rumours of a romance between her and Mark Phillips, the estranged husband of Britain's Princess Anne.

New Zealand-born Kathy Burke, who lives in Toronto, sued over an article in the tabloid Today last September, headlined "Mark's falling under the spell of seductive Kathy," which alleged she had become Phillips' constant companion on his business trips across the Atlantic.

Phillips' lawyer, Keith Schilling, told the High Court in London that the article appeared after the announcement last August that Phillips and Princess Anne were to live apart.

Soviet oil output hit: Soviet oil and gas output has been disrupted by pipeline accidents in the key oil-producing region of Tyumen in western Siberia, the official Tass news agency reported yesterday.

This (hit) is the result of the ignorant action of the federal government in a hurried and secret operation, Angelika Beer, a member of parliament for the environmentalist Greens Party, told a news conference.

People file suit: A dozen people filed suit against the government yesterday to block the transport of deadly US chemical weapons through a densely populated region of West Germany.

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Thieves steal necklace: Thieves used a three-tonne truck to smash the window of one of London's most exclusive jewellers yesterday and escaped with a diamond necklace reportedly worth almost half a million pounds sterling (\$900,000).

The thieves struck at Asprey's, a New Bond Street shop which supplies gems to the royal family, as the busy West End district was filling with morning shoppers.

In that attack, Patrick Purdy, a 24-year-old drifter who dressed himself in combat gear, opened fire with an AK-47 assault rifle during a recess at the Cleveland Elementary School, then committed suicide.

Others were being sought, police spokeswoman Doreen Bostwick said late yesterday.

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Trial to begin in suit alleging record album led to suicide

RENO, Nevada, July 16. (AP): A judge will hear a lawsuit Monday against the British rock band Judas Priest that alleges one of their records contained subliminal messages to "do it" and caused two fans to shoot themselves.

Raymond Belknap, 18, held a sawed-off shotgun to his chin and died instantly from a single blast Dec. 23, 1985.

James Vance, 20, blew away the lower portion of his face. Horribly maimed, he lived three more years, underwent repeated operations and fathered a child before his death on Thanksgiving Day 1988 of complications from his injuries and a reaction to medication.

In one song by the popular heavy metal rock band, "Beyond the Realms of Death," the band sings: "Yeah, I have left the world behind. I am safe now in my mind. I'm free to speak with my own mind. This is my life, this is my life, and I'll decide, not you."

The trial will focus on whether there was a second, all-but-inaudible set of lyrics whispered in the background as a subliminal message.

Attorneys for the Vance and Belknap families say the two formed a suicide pact

after drinking beer, smoking marijuana and listening to the "Stained Class" album over and over again.

They will try to convince judge Jerry Carr Whitehead that subliminal messages on the album convinced the two friends that "the answer to life is death."

Lawyers for Judas Priest and CBS Records will argue it was the young men's troubled lives, including a history of drug and alcohol abuse, psychiatric disorders and physical abuse, that pushed them over the edge. They deny any subliminal mes-

sages exist or that the band promotes Satan and suicide.

"I don't believe that we'd have had the support and following that we've had for the past 17 years had we deliberately attempted to contrive to create songs where people did harm to themselves," said singer Robert Halford in a 1988 deposition.

Whitehead has already denied a defense motion to dismiss the case on grounds the record was protected by the First Amendment, saying that such protection exists for regular music and lyrics but not "secret hidden messages that the recipient does not

know exist."

The judge stressed that he has no knowledge of whether such subliminal messages exist on "Stained Class," but ruled attorneys should be allowed to present their case to the court.

The lawsuit is proceedings as a products liability case, accusing the band and CBS Records of negligence and intentional and reckless misconduct. It seeks unspecified punitive and compensatory damages.

More than 100 witnesses are expected to testify during the non-jury trial, which is

expected to last four weeks.

Band members will attend the trial, but attorneys said they have been unable to locate the original, multi-track recording of the album that could have made it easier to determine whether there were subliminal messages.

Attorneys for the families do not dispute that the two young men were troubled. But they argue in court filings that because of their faults, the two were "susceptible, influenced and vulnerable to the ideas, suggestions and emotions" already hidden in the music.



Family get-together



Schwarzenegger and their daughter Katherine smile as they join Kennedy family members posing for photographers at Rose Kennedy's 100th birthday party in the Kennedy compound in Hyannisport, Massachusetts, on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)

PEOPLE AND PLACES

PAQUEA, Pennsylvania: A 13-year-old girl was behind the wheel and her uncle was using one hand to help steer when a station wagon drove into a rain-swept creek, killing four young children, police said Sunday.

The 13-year-old girl Heather Camrod, was able to swim to shore and her uncle, 27-year-old Donald Daniels, was pulled from the car by rescuers Saturday night.

But the other four children in the car, ranging in age from 3 to 7, had "absolutely no chance," said Chief Samuel S. Gross of the Conestoga township police in Lancaster county.

"We did our best. We tried," said Bruce Kline, a 28-year-old steel-worker who helped try to rescue the youngsters. "The car was in deep." (AP)

WHEELING, West Virginia: Singer John Phillips, who once had a \$1,000-a-day cocaine habit, says he still struggles to avoid old temptations.

"The urge is indescribable sometimes," said the founder of the Mamas and the Papas, who performed with the band here Thursday night.

Phillips, 54, said he managed to wean himself off drugs in a rehabilitation clinic after being arrested on drug charges in 1980.

Recovery isn't easy, especially in the music business because drugs are easily obtained backstage, Phillips said.

"It's much better around it (drugs) now. It takes a long time to get over cocaine," (AP)

WARSAW, Poland: A vacationing Lech Walesa has broken his arm, state television reported.

The accident occurred during the Solidarity leader's annual summer getaway in the Kaszubian lakes region in northern Poland, where he has a cabin.

There were contradictory versions of how it happened.

State television reported Friday that Walesa fell from a ladder Thursday, breaking his right arm. It gave no further details.

A source close to Walesa's office in Gdansk said he was told Walesa

Toilet Relief for the roofers

COLOGNE, West Germany, July 16. (Reuter): To the relief of roofers, Cologne cathedral will get a lofty loo 200 feet (70 metres) above the nave of the soaring St Peter's Cathedral.

Germany's most expensive toilet, said the Bild newspaper, today of the "sky-loo" with "heated floor" and "warm running water that will cost about 260,000" marks (\$160,000).

Besides the bathroom the men who work on the roof and the 400-foot (160-metre) towers above the Rhine will also get a luncheon room of their own under the roof.

Rain gutter sanitation should dramatically improve.

Master roofer Erwin Woyke, who has put in 37 years maintaining the Gothic cathedral's roof, approved: "We must spend days every year just climbing up and down to the vestry toilet or the workyard WC," he said.

It was injured in a traffic mishap Tuesday while driving his van loaded with lumber for cabin repairs.

Walesa himself could not be reached for comment. His cabin has no telephone. (AP)

NASHVILLE, Tennessee: Foreclosure proceedings against country music star Tammy Wynette have been dropped after the singer made a substantial payment on the \$1.5-million estate, an attorney said.

The proceedings began this month after Ms. Wynette was late in making her mortgage payment, said her attorney, Ralph Gordon. A local bank had already approved a loan to allow her to pay off the mortgage

for the eight-acre estate, he said.

Robert Doyle, an attorney for the estate's previous owners, Me and Naomi Lytle, said the proceedings were dropped Friday after Ms. Wynette paid an undisclosed amount.

Ms. Wynette had been hospitalized last week with bronchitis but was resting at home Saturday. The singer went to the emergency room of Breech medical centre in Lebanon, Mo., and later transferred to a hospital in Nashville, said a spokesman for her record label, Epic Records. (AP)

SEATTLE: The cosmonauts and astronauts whose Soyuz and Apollo spacecrafts were linked in space 15

years ago predicted Sunday that their nations would co-operate in space again, with a US-Soviet mission to Mars within the next 20 years.

Retired air force Lt. Gen. Thomas Stafford said the July 16, 1975 mission, in which the Apollo docked with the Soyuz and the crews moved freely between the two spacecraft, cleared the way for further super-power co-operation in space.

Douglas Slayton, 66, who served as docking-module pilot for the three-member Apollo crew, said the members of the mission had expected the hook-up to lead quickly to greater US-Soviet co-operation, but that has not occurred. (AP)

NUCLA, Colorado: Hunters bagged nearly 3,000 prairie dogs in a weekend shootout and the gleeful organizers of the event said howls of protest from animal rights activists had done nothing but attract more business.

When the shoot was announced in April it drew criticism from Gov. Roy Romer and Rep. Ben Neidhardt Campbell, but Mayor John Vanderpool and shoot organizer Mike McRae told the critics to "buzz off."

On Sunday, McRae said he was grateful for their attention, which drew additional hunters and news media to the event. (AP)

Yvonne Ortega Sanchez of Venezuela who was chosen Miss Globe 1990 is flanked by first runner-up Maria del Flores (right) of Spain and Tintia Susanna Vierto of Finland (left) on Sunday in Miss Globe beauty pageant in which 24 countries' representatives participated in the northwest Turkish city of Busra. (Heuler wirephoto)

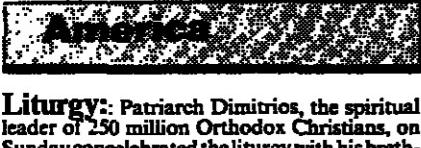
INTERNATIONAL

NEWS IN BRIEF



Jazz festival

A double dose of jazz trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie is captured in a double exposure at the 15th annual North Sea Jazz Festival in The Hague, on Sunday. Back by popular demand, Gillespie, 71, gave two performances on the last day of the festival. (Reuter wirephoto)



Liturgy: Patriarch Dimitrios, the spiritual leader of 250 million Orthodox Christians on Sunday celebrated the liturgy with his brethren from the divided Orthodox Christian church.

He continued his call for unity when he spoke at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, where he prayed with the bishops of the Ukrainian, Romanian, Serbian and Bulgarian Orthodox Christian churches.

The Patriarch, in the first visit to North America by a head of the Orthodox Christian church, said in his sermon it was not without significance that the hierarchical liturgy was taking place on the same Sunday as the commemoration of the fifth century meeting of the holy fathers of the fourth Ecumenical Council.

Since his arrival on Friday in the United States, the Patriarch has stressed that the various eastern orthodox churches come together.

In his sermon on Sunday, he said that his office "is of course not a judgement seat" but "a treasury of the spiritual blessings."

Each leader "does not administer as a worldly repository of power but as a comforting and edifying father," he told the 4,000 worshippers assembled within the cathedral hall and adjoining rooms.

Nikki Stephanopoulos, a spokesman for the Greek Orthodox archdiocese in whose cathedral the ceremony took place, said that the Patriarch is "asking that we come together in unity and peace and be as one."

Europe

Heart attacks: Men suffer more heart attacks than women because they do not let themselves cry, according to a magazine out in London.

The August issue of a woman's magazine, "SHE," said "it is not mere coincidence that men for whom crying is taboo suffer from more heart attacks than women. Women cry, men explode."

The magazine claimed everybody has "a crying need" and medical experts now believe suppressing the urge can affect health, causing migraines, stomach upsets, ulcers and joint pains. (Kuna) *

Exams amid tight security: Thousands of police led university applicants into their examination centres throughout Greece on Monday to forestall sit-ins by striking state teachers. No violence was reported, police said.

The government placed 25 public prosecutors on stand-by despite a Teachers' Union call to its members on Sunday to let 130,000 candidates around the country sit the exams quickly.

The high-school teachers are boycotting university entrance exams at all 141 centres to press for more pay. Talks with the government have been deadlocked since June 14, the date originally set for the exams. (AP)

Crimes against foreigners: Crimes against foreigners, especially theft, doubled in the first half of 1990 compared to the same period in 1989, Interior Minister Vadim Bakatin, who reported an overall 14.6 per cent increase in the crime rate in the Soviet Union, did not give an exact number or breakdown of crimes committed against foreigners.

But he said the growth in the overall crime rate had slowed, noting that one year ago the rate had soared by 32 per cent. (Reuter)

Callousness

Italy motorists ignore girl cries

FLORENCE, Italy, July 16. (Reuter): Hundreds of Italian holiday-bound motorists ignored a crying six-year-old girl, pleading for help to save her father's life.

The father, Marco Moretti, suffered a heart attack on Sunday as he was driving his car to the side of the road.

Police said although she was crying and was knocked to the ground several times by gusts of air, daughter Vanessa had to walk two km (1.2 miles) to a toll booth for help because none of the drivers on the busy road stopped.

Toll collectors sent an ambulance to the car where Vanessa's father was found dead at the wheel.

Climate changes: Discharges of radioactive gas could lead to severe thunderstorms and climate changes, a leading British ecologist warned on Monday.

Doctor Peter Taylor, an independent environmental consultant, believes more research is vital into a synapse 65, a gas which will be released into the atmosphere when a reprocessing station at Sellafield in Cumbria, northern England, begins operations in 1992.

He told a conference at Liverpool University, northern England, that not enough is known about the effects of the gas and its potential for changing the electrical balance of the atmosphere. (Kuna) *



Papal holiday

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Papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro on Saturday told reporters how the Pope was spending his 10-day vacation in the Italian Alps, which began Wednesday.

After an hour of morning prayer alone, the Pope, with walking stick and a thermos of water and sometimes accompanied by a mountain guide, takes to the trails. At noon he stops for prayer and a light lunch, perhaps an onion omelette, cheese, a peach and an apple.

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Aussie official waits: Cambodian boat people arriving in Australia and judged not to be political refugees should be forced to return home as a deterrent to others planning to sail here, the leader of the conservative opposition, John Hewson, said Sunday.

Hewson, who last week returned to Australia from a visit to Asia, warned that without a clear message from the government, Australia could have to accommodate many more refugees in camp in the northern territory.

In an interview on television Channel 10, Hewson called for the opening of negotiations on aid to Vietnam and talks with China in a bid to resolve the war in Cambodia, which has filled refugee camps in the region. (UPI)

Asean to resolve boat people: Delegates from six Southeast Asian Nations will try to resolve the log jam holding up the resettlement of Vietnamese boat people, taking up the matter during the Asean foreign ministers meeting in Jakarta next week, Malaysian officials said Monday.

Some incremental progress has been made as a result of the consultative process but many fundamental differences remain unresolved," said Foreign Minister Abu Hassan Omar.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) groups the non-communist countries of the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Brunei, Singapore and Malaysia.

No country has taken a tougher stand against the refugees than Malaysia, where leaders said they would not bow to threats in the US Congress to cut financial aid and duty-free benefits over allegations Malaysia is pushing Vietnamese boat people back to sea.

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said during the weekend the US was a superpower that could "twist anyone's hands." However, he added "Malaysia has the right to decide who enters the country and who can't." (UPI)

Birendra abandons power: Nepal's King Birendra Monday gave up the power to override the court system, another step on his three-month path from absolute toward constitutional monarchy.

"His majesty the king has closed down the special petitions department on the advice of the prime minister and minister for royal palace affairs as it is not necessary to keep the department functioning," said an announcement of the royal palace Monday.

April 8 the king yielded to a growing, violent, seven-week democracy movement and turned the government over to the Nepali Congress and communist parties, the first time political parties had held power in 29 years.

Monday's abandonment of the royal right to review court decisions marks another step away from the absolute rule installed by his father Mahendra.

A Nepali adage said, "if you want justice, go to gorkha." That meant "go to the king to seek justice." (UPI)

Vietnamese population booming: Vietnam's population has grown by 11.7 million people over the past 10 years due to government negligence and the people's unwillingness to use contraceptives, the official Vietnam news agency reported.

"In the ten years from 1979 to 1989, Vietnam's population increased by 11.7 million; the equivalent of the population of medium size country," the agency said in a report dated Sunday.

It said the annual birth rate of 3.13 per cent was far higher than the annual target rate of 1.7 per cent.

Only 38 per cent of women of child-bearing age agree to use contraceptives, it said.

The agency blamed the high population growth rate on "negligence on the part of the state." (UPI)

Dengue kills 18 in Jakarta: At least 18 people have died and many others were hospitalised following a disease believed to be dengue fever spread through villages in central Java in the past week, news reports said Monday.

Officials in the central Java district of Boyolali have set up 24-hour emergency posts to prevent the spread of the disease and to curb further casualties.

The health official, Dr Lestmono said the disease, believed to be dengue fever, has caused panic among villagers after up to 18 children died as of July 8. Some of them were reported to have evacuated their children to other villages. (UPI)

China launches rocket: China launched into space Monday a more powerful rocket with a small satellite and a simulated payload aboard, and the official news agency called it "major progress" for the country's infant commercial launch business.

The long March 2 cluster carrier blasted off Monday morning from a new launch pad at the Xichang Space Centre in a remote area of southwest China's Sichuan province, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

The rocket lifted a small experimental satellite for Pakistan and a simulated satellite payload into orbit. Tracking data indicated the launch was proceeding smoothly, Xinhua said.

New Mexico poll code: Mexico's lower house of Congress passed a new electoral code just hours before the close of its regular session Sunday, creating polling procedures that opposition lawmakers say will not solve vote fraud problems.

President Carlos Salinas de Gortari called for reforms after charges of vote-stealing clouded his July 1988 election.

The 500-member lower house, called the Chamber of Deputies, voted 263 to 27 to pass the code's 40 provisions after 60 opposition lawmakers stormed out in protest, Mexican news reports said.

The code will prohibit mandatory membership in any party, create voter identification cards with photos, establish immediate release of election returns, change the structure of electoral boards and order those who commit vote fraud jailed. (AP)

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Liberia refugee exodus resumes

Wounded pour into hospital; heavy fighting reported

MONROVIA, July 16. (AP): Amid fears Monrovia will soon fall to rebels, hundreds of civilians are fleeing the city centre and a steady stream of refugees are heading toward neighbouring Sierra Leone.

Witnesses reported heavy fighting between government and rebel forces on the capital's heavily populated eastern outskirts yesterday, half of which were said by Western military observers to now be under rebel control.

About a quarter of this West African nation's 2 million people live in Monrovia.

When it became clear Saturday that escape routes were still open, the refugee flow resumed.

Lawlessness

An air of lawlessness settled over the city as people streamed toward the countryside to seek refuge and food, and doctors from the French relief group Doctors Without Borders struggled to help the injured.

A 24-year-old city resident, Alice Bahn, said she was with two young boys Saturday when government soldiers surrounded them.

"Both the boys were shot and killed," she said. "I put my hands up, but they shot anyway. I was lucky to get away.... Ms Bahn was brought into St Joseph's with a serious bullet wound in her face.

Next to her were two girls, ages 10 and 7. They were brought in yesterday morning, two weeks after they were shot somewhere in bush country.

"We hope they will survive," said their surgeon, Robert Kpoto. "They have not been treated for a long time, and the younger one is in quite critical condition."

Temporary refugee camps have been set up all around the city and many of the fleeing civilians are seeking refuge there. Twenty-two such camps now house 40,000 refugees in Monrovia, and the total is growing daily, said a Dutch member of the international medical team, Dr Ron Oud.

Workers in the camps said government soldiers had been roaming around the camps every night, shooting wildly and threatening to break in.

The workers also said soldiers have been threatening to seize Gio and Mano tribesmen at the camps. They are considered enemies of President Samuel Doe's Krahn tribe in the 6-month-old insurgency that has turned into tribal warfare.

Witnesses, speaking on condition of anonymity, said government soldiers were becoming increasingly undisciplined, holding up vehicles to demand money and cigarettes.

"Every soldier is doing his own thing," one victim of such an incident reported.

Monrovia remained without electricity and water main service yesterday. The only fresh drinking water came from wells.

Virtually all food stores were closed, and prices of staples were skyrocketing. A small packet of biscuits was offered by a street trader yesterday for \$10.

The insurgent National Patriotic Front is led by Doe's former associate, Charles Taylor. The rebels, who began their revolt in December, accuse Doe of corruption and human rights abuses.

Human rights groups have accused both sides of slaughtering hundreds of civilians.

Doe seized power in a bloody 1980 coup that ousted leftist descendants of American slaves who founded this country in 1847.

While besieging Monrovia, the insurgents are consolidating their control of the rest of Liberia. On Saturday, they were reported to have captured the provincial capital of Voinjama, about 140 miles (225 kilometers) north of Monrovia.

Yesterday, the rebels chief negotiator left Sierra Leone after peace talks mediated by the Economic Community of West African states.

Confer

Thomas Woywiu said he was going to confer with the rebel leadership about whether "there is some sort of political option to resolve the conflict without taking that final step and without destroying what is left of the country."

He expected to return to Free-town, the Sierra Leone capital, today and resume negotiations tomorrow.

dealers have killed 144 police officers in the city this year.

Medellin Police Chief Col. Jorge Ferrero has attributed recent massacres in Medellin's poorer neighbourhoods to rural youth gang working for the traffickers.

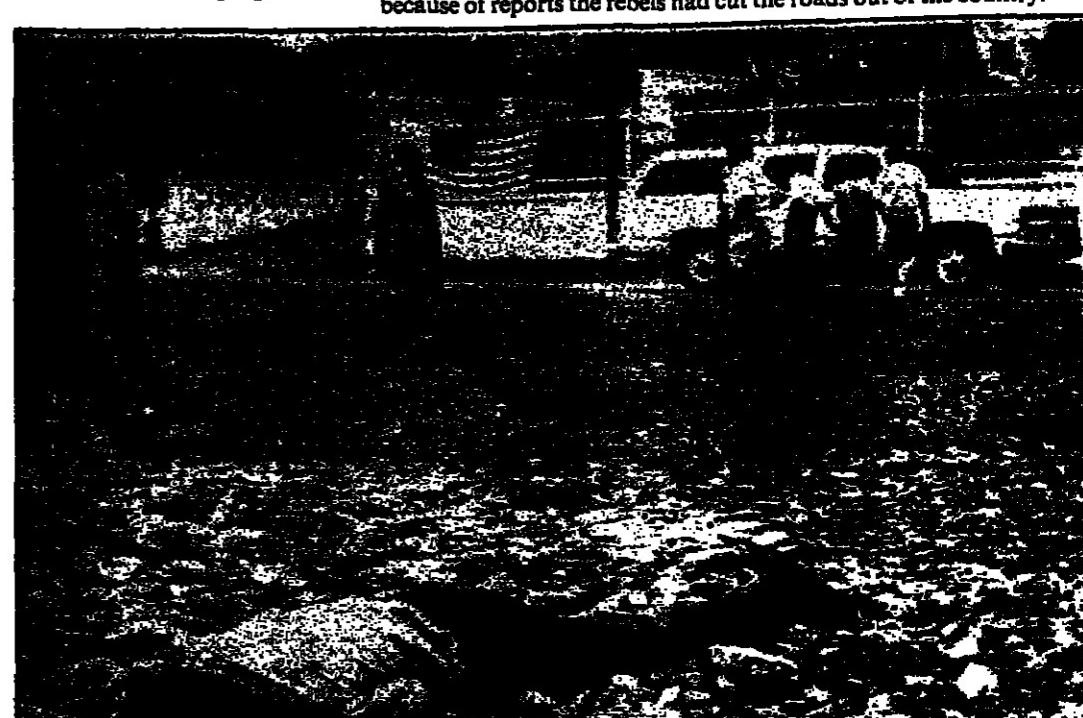
Assassins shot and killed two on-duty police officers and a soldier in three separate incidents in the city, the report said. Terrorists allegedly working for drug

There was no official casualty count. However, French and Belgian doctors at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Hospital said people were brought in from the eastern suburbs all day yesterday with gunshot wounds.

St Joseph's is the only hospital operating in the capital.

Diplomatic and international relief sources reported a flow of refugees heading toward Sierra Leone by truck, car, bicycle or on foot.

Refugees had stopped flowing across Liberia's borders until Friday because of reports the rebels had cut the roads out of the country.



The body of a man shot by three Liberian soldiers in broad daylight on July 9 lies outside the home of the US Charge d'affaires Dennis Jett in Monrovia. The same three soldiers later killed another man on the same spot as revenge killings mount in the six-month-old rebellion which has degenerated into a tribal war. (Reuter wirephoto)



Dr Reginald Moreels, head of the Belgian medical relief agency "Medecins sans Frontieres" (Doctors without Borders) treat casualties on July 9 of Liberia's civil war at an emergency surgical unit in Monrovia. Most of the injured have bullet wounds. (Reuter wirephoto)

Indians call off deal

OKA, July 16. (AP): Indians locked in a land dispute with authorities have reversed themselves and kept up their blockade of a bridge into Montreal.

The Mohawks said they decided not to lift the blockade, as promised, because authorities had reneged on a promise to reduce a police contingent in Oka, about 32 kilometres (20 miles) west of Montreal.

The town was the scene of a shootout Wednesday between authorities and Mohawks manning barricades to block the expansion of a golf course. The Indians say the expansion would occur on their ancestral land.

One police officer was killed in the confrontation. But it is not clear if he was shot by Mohawks or fellow officers.

Talks aimed at ending the Oka standoff between armed

Mohawks and police continued yesterday. Quebec province was represented by Native Affairs Minister John Ciaccia.

He said yesterday he believed that the two sides were close to patching up their agreement of the night before.

"We have obtained the co-operation of Quebec police," said Ciaccia.

"They have reduced the number of personnel — however, not in such a way as to affect our own security," he said. He refused to say how many of the estimated 1,000 police officers at Oka have pulled out.</p

United Germany should be free to choose ally

Poland's border on Paris agenda

MOSCOW, July 16, (AP): President Mikhail Gorbachev said today that a united Germany should be free to choose its military alliances.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who appeared at a press conference with the Soviet leader, said he has told Gorbachev that a united Germany would want to belong to Nato.

Gorbachev had earlier objected to a unified Germany joining the western military alliance, hampering the reunification of East and West Germany.

Ukraine deputies declare neutrality

MOSCOW, July 16, (AP): The Parliament of the Ukraine, following sovereignty declaration by other republics, today declared its own laws to take precedence over Soviet law, the official news agency Tass reported.

The debate over sovereignty in the Supreme Soviet of the Ukraine had caused sharp disagreements and last week led indirectly to the resignation of the republic's president, Vladimir Ivashko, who then was chosen deputy chief of the Soviet Communist Party.

The Ukraine is the Soviet Union's second-largest republic, with more than 50 million people. It also is a key industrial and farming region.

The republic's Parliament, meeting in the capital of Kiev, declared the "supremacy, independence, absolute authority and indivisibility" of Ukrainian authority on the republic's territory, Tass said.

But the news agency added that the majority of deputies who spoke during the Supreme Soviet's debate did not support secession from the Soviet Union. Instead, they said, sovereignty "should not break the existing social, economic and cultural and other ties with our republics, but develop them," Tass said.

In its declaration, the Ukraine followed the lead of the huge Russian republic, the Baltic republics, and several other Soviet republics clamouring for more independence from the central government.

Some Ukrainian nationalists support total independence for their republic, but the movement is not as far advanced as it is in other Soviet republics like the Baltics.

The declaration called for the Ukraine's "independence and equal rights in external relations," and stated that the republic has the right to have its own armed forces, Tass said.

The Ukraine's youth cannot perform military service outside the republic without Parliament's permission.

The declaration sets a future goal of establishing a "constantly neutral government, which does not take part in military blocs" and opposes the production, proliferation and use of nuclear weapons, Tass said.

Ivashko and other deputies to the Ukrainian Supreme Soviet were called back last week from the Soviet Communist Party congress for the debate on sovereignty.

Ivashko refused to go, and turned in his resignation. He said he interpreted his dispute with Parliament over the issue as indicating that he did not have enough authority to govern the republic.

Gorbachev got what he wanted

Whither traditionalists

MOSCOW, July 16, (AP): Mikhail Gorbachev got the endorsement, the deputy and the politburo he wanted. But the traditionalist wing he faced down during the recent Communist Party congress cannot be counted out.

Less than a month before, party traditionalists had found their voice at a gathering of communists of the Russian Republic, electing one of their own as first secretary of the party in the largest of the Soviet Union's 15 republics.

They seemed ready to seize control at the National Party's 28th congress. But when the congress closed Saturday after two weeks of debate and voting, they appeared chastened by a tarnished but still-powerful Gorbachev.

Shortly before the congress opened on July 2, radical reformers like Boris Yeltsin feared a triumph by the traditionalists and urged that the meeting of the party's highest body be postponed.

Yegor Ligachev, who frequently expressed the traditionalists' unease with Gorbachev's policies at the politburo level, grumbled that the party leadership and the country's presidency were too much for Gorbachev.

But Gorbachev easily won re-election to the party's highest seat. And as deputy-chairman he has trounced Vladimir Ivashko of the Ukraine, who trounced Ligachev himself in the race for the job that will be responsible for running the party's day-to-day affairs.



No frontier

East and West Berliners enjoy cycling through the former 'death strip' that was the frontier between East Germany and West Berlin for more than 28 years and is now open for cyclists and pedestrians. (Reuter wirephoto)

Over 30 injured in Kirghizia fighting

Airport manager killed

MOSCOW, July 16, (AP): An airport manager in the ethnically troubled region of Nagorno-Karabakh has been killed in a bomb explosion that destroyed her home, the official Tass news agency said today.

The manager's son and husband were reported injured in the blast.

In the Central Asian republic of Kirghizia, at least 30 people were injured in renewed ethnic fighting over the weekend, Tass reported.

Tass said the bombing in Nagorno-Karabakh occurred last night. It said investigators from the Azerbaijani Interior Ministry earlier had investigated threats against the life of Yevgenia Ishkhanova, manager of Stepanakert airport.

According to the Tass report, Ishkhanova's son was seriously injured in the blast and hospitalised.

Ishkhanova had been "engaged in an all-out effort to increase discipline there and ensure that incoming flights from Yerevan complied with the schedule."

Yerevan is the capital of the neighbouring republic of Armenia, which has been involved in a dispute with Azerbaijan over the sovereignty of Nagorno-Karabakh, an autonomous Armenian-dominated enclave.

In Kirghizia, officials reported that new fighting has broken out between Kirghiz and Uzbeks.

In the city of Osh, near the Uzbekistan border, shops were closed, public transportation was at a standstill and troops were patrolling the streets in armoured personnel carriers, Tass said.

At last week's Houston summit of leading industrial democracies, Western leaders rejected a proposal strongly supported by West Germany and France for a \$15 billion aid plan to shore up the Soviet economy and demonstrate Western support for Gorbachev.

The West German government has backed a \$3.1 billion loan to support Gorbachev's efforts so far ineffectual, to transform the Soviet Union's centralised economy to a market-oriented system.

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It was Kohl's second visit to the Soviet Union since February and Gorbachev's hospitality indicated the Soviets seek close ties with the economically powerful Germans.

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Protest march

More than 2,000 civil servants face not policemen in Istanbul during a march to protest the decision by Turkish government which raises their wages by 25 per cent. Civil servants claimed this was lower than what they have expected. (Reuter wirephoto)

They all need rest: Red Cross

Albanians' new home

MARSEILLE, France, July 16, (AP): After a warm reception, more than 500 Albanian refugees headed north today to reception centres where they were to be taught French and learn about the nation they now call home.

Eight of the refugees were hospitalised with what the Red Cross said were unspecified benign ailments. Most of the rest of the 544 who arrived in Marseille on Sunday were sent on special trains to Reims, on the way to three reception centres outside Paris.

The Interior Ministry will give temporary residence permits to the refugees, many of whom are gypsies. All have the right to apply for political asylum.

The refugees are the last arrivals of about 5,000 Albanians who boarded five ferries seeking asylum in Western Europe. Albanians began rushing into foreign embassies in the capital of Tirana on June 28 after word spread of a family that had been allowed to emigrate to Italy after spending five years in the Italian embassy seeking political asylum.

The majority of the refugees — some 3,000 — travelled to West Germany during the weekend after about 4,500 refugees were



An Albanian refugee holds his child shortly after arriving in Basel. (Reuter wirephoto)

ferried from Albania to the southern Italian port of Brindisi.

Italian and Egyptian officials reported today that no new Albanians had sought asylum in their embassies in Tirana, the Albanian capital. The Czechoslovak embassy, from where Albanians were taken out of the country in President Vaclav Havel's own plane last week, and the Hungarian mission were reported empty of refugees.

The Red Cross conducted

preliminary health checks on the latest arrivals on the train and at Reims. The refugees were then broken up into three groups and bused to Creil, Emance and Mourmelon in the Paris region.

"The health of most of the refugees is good," said a Red Cross spokesman in Reims. "But they all need rest."

Carrying little luggage and dressed for the most part in T-shirts, simple trousers, sandals or clothing donated by the crew of the ferry Orient Star, the tired refugees settled in to their temporary new quarters in Reims for a long sleep. Soldiers had stockpiled 600 litres (159 gallons) of beverages and 300 kilograms (661 pounds) of fruit for their arrival.

About 30 others arrived earlier by bus at another waystation in Perigueux, southwestern France. Showing great fatigue, they turned down a prepared meal and simply asked for drinks and cigarettes.

Several wept as they got off the bus. Most said all they wanted was sleep.

They were jubilant on their arrival in Marseilles, crying "long live France" in Albanian and "long live the Albanian people" as they disembarked.

30 Czech diplomats, relatives quit Cuba

MEXICO CITY, July 16, (AP): Thirty Czechoslovak diplomats and dependents have left Havana, apparently due to a dispute over a group of Cubans who sought refuge at Czechoslovakia's embassy, a news report said yesterday.

Fourteen Cubans holed up in the Czechoslovak embassy last Monday seeking refuge, and the Prague government has asked Cuba to grant them safe passage.

The Mexican government-run news agency Notimex quoted unidentified European diplomatic sources as saying the 30 were among about 70 Czechoslovak embassy personnel and dependents who were warned to leave the country.

The Notimex report from Havana, monitored in Mexico City, could not be independently confirmed. It gave no details about the warning other than saying the Czechoslovaks "had received a recommendation to leave the country."

Friction between the two governments has been mounting since communists in Czechoslovakia, a former Cuban ally, were swept from power during last winter's democratic revolution.

Cuban President Fidel Castro, one of the few remaining Marxist holdouts, insists his government will not deviate from its orthodox hard-line.

Notimex also indicated that Castro was dissatisfied with Czechoslovakia's diplomatic representation in the United States.

The Czechoslovak embassy in Washington has been representing Cuban interests since the United States cut diplomatic relations in 1960, one year after Castro seized power.

Notimex quoted Castro as saying during a Saturday night reception at the French embassy that Czechoslovakia was not adequately representing Cuba in Washington anymore.

Trial resumes amid sympathy

Most-hated Ceausescu

SIBIU, Romania, July 16, (AP): The trial of Nicu Ceausescu, accused of ordering the killing of 89 civilians during the revolution that toppled his father, resumed today amid apparent sympathy from some Romanians.

Nicu, 40, who had a reputation for heavy drinking, was widely described in the Romanian press as the most-hated Ceausescu after his parents, Nicolae and Elena.

He said the prosecution is investigating the possibility that Nicu is using various people to access these assets and pay off loyalists.

Nicu, 40, was arrested Dec 22 while trying to drive into Bucharest from Sibiu, 250 kms (155 miles) northwest of the capital.

An indictment accuses Nicu of ordering troops to "shoot without warning" during the protests in Sibiu, where he had been party boss since 1987. As a result of his orders, allegedly given in a Dec 17 conference telephone call with regional leaders, 39 people were killed in Sibiu, the indictment contends.

Nicu is recovering from a stab wound suffered at the time of his arrest and doctors say he has cirrhosis of the liver.

He has pleaded innocent to the charge that he ordered troops to shoot, but has admitted to the lesser charge of illegal possession of arms and ammunition.

Islamic extremist killed in Jakarta

JAKARTA, July 16, (UPI): Security authorities in Indonesia's strongly Islamic province of Aceh shot and killed a man believed to be a member of a small extremist group, a news report said today.

The suspect, identified as Mustafa, 32, believed to be a member of the Security Disturbance Movement, was shot and killed by military authorities in Aceh Pidie district, the Jakarta newspaper Suara Karya reported.

Mustafa was shot to death Friday night by military authorities in Aceh Pidie district, the official said.

The government had decided last week that it will deploy more troops to the province in order to quell violence attributed to a small extremist group called GPK.

Run with the Rouge

Cambodian guerrillas make major military gains

NATIONAL HIGHWAY 6, Cambodia, July 16, (AP): Guerrillas have seized hundreds of villages and military positions in northern Cambodia, forcing the army to fall back and defend besieged provincial capitals.

Evidence of the most significant guerrilla gains in more than 11 years of fighting was clear during a five-week trip with the insurgents that covered 450 miles (720 kilometers).

The three-party guerrilla coalition, which includes the communist Khmer Rouge, controls large areas of the north and northwest. The insurgents are shelling and launching commando raids on key provincial capitals.

Senior guerrilla commanders say the attacks are preparations for full-scale assaults to seize Kompong Thom and Siem Reap, and the ancient temples of Angkor near Siem Reap.

Hundreds of government artillery shells and rockets landed daily, shaking the paddies of a beautiful rice-growing region engulfed by war.

Debris from bridges blown up by guerrillas littered highways. The jungle fighters set up ambushes to attack convoys trying to resupply government outposts defending the major urban areas.

Guerrilla medics trained in China ran field hospitals, dressing wounds and amputating limbs.

As the guerrillas advance, the world seeks a political solution and worries that the Khmer Rouge, whose bloody regime was overthrown by a Vietnamese invasion in December 1978, may regain power. More than a million Cambodians were killed or died of starvation during 3 1/2 years of Khmer Rouge rule.

Khmer Rouge commanders expressed confidence they would capture Phnom Penh, the Cambodian capital. They used maps to illustrate encirclement from the north, south and west — similar to the strategy in 1975, when the Khmer Rouge defeated the US-backed government of President Lon Nol.

The trip, with an escort of guerrillas loyal to Prince Norodom Sihanouk, leader of the coalition, began on the Thai border and covered three northern provinces. Included was a 30-mile (50-kilometer) stretch of National Highway 6, a main government lifeline to outlying provinces, now in guerrilla hands.

It provided the first independent confirmation of claims by the guerrillas of advances deep inside the country.

Thousands of Sihanouk's guerrillas were seen lounging in villages, shopping in bustling markets and manning lines around Kompong Thom, which they said was their next target.

Kompong Thom, a strategic crossroads

city, is 90 miles (145 kilometers) north of Phnom Penh.

In separate attacks, the Khmer Rouge was advancing toward Siem Reap, 200 miles (320 kilometers) northwest of Phnom Penh, and was within reach of the Angkor temples.

"We have taken all the positions around Siem Reap, isolating the town," said Ta Pok, a Khmer Rouge brigadier commander interviewed at his jungle base north of the city.

"We will for sure take Siem Reap. It is no problem. We want it, it is one of our objectives and we will take it."

At Ta Pok's headquarters and on every day of the five-week trip, the earth shook from government artillery fire.

"We are winning everywhere we are fighting," said Col Khan Savoeun, a commander of forces loyal to Sihanouk, Cambodia's former ruler, at headquarters in Stoeng, the de facto capital of what the Sihanoukists call their liberated zone.

In the war's early stages, most guerrillas were in bases along the Thai border and obtaining weapons from China was easy, given Thailand's support for the insurgent.

Now the lines have shifted far from the frontier. The Sihanoukists and Khmer Rouge have forged a network of thousands of miles of secret roads and trails into the interior.

S. Korean opposition to resign en masse

Timing has not been decided

SEOUL, South Korea, July 16, (AP): Leaders of South Korea's parliamentary opposition said today their entire 78-member bloc will resign en masse as they intensify efforts to oust President Roh Tae-woo's ruling party.

The planned resignations are to protest the government's alleged railroading of controversial bills through the parliament. Critics, including protesting broadcast workers and students, say the legislation is part of a government attempt to tighten its grip on the nation's news media.

Mass resignations could precipitate a crisis in domestic politics at a time the government is preparing for high-level unification talks between North and South Korea.

A statement released by the leading opposition Party for Peace and Democracy said its 70 lawmakers will resign along with the eight members of the splinter Democratic Party. The statement said the timing had not been decided.

The mass resignations would be the first in modern Korean history and would leave the 299-member national assembly with no opposition legislators.

"It is regrettable that the current National Assembly session has not been run smoothly," Roh said today. He blamed the opposition for "paralysing the function of the parliament."

The two opposition political groups said talks are under way to merge their parties and combine efforts to overthrow Roh's Democratic Liberal Party.

Kim Young-Sam, a former opposition leader who merged his political group with the ruling party earlier this year, said at a news conference today that mass resignations from the National Assembly were "irresponsible."

Under Korean law, the speaker of the National Assembly can either accept the resignations of refer them to a parliamentary vote. The nation's one-house legislature has been dissolved three times by dictatorial governments, but there have not been mass resignations.

Meanwhile, thousands of union workers at all radio and television networks continued their three-day strike to protest the parliament's passage of controversial broadcast laws.

The broadcast law at issue calls for, among other things, the creation of a private television network and a closer government look into the financing of the state-run KBS.

Union workers claim the law would weaken labour activity and make it easier for the government to control the nation's electronic media prior to general elections in 1992.

North Korea "categorically rejected" US President George Bush's demand that North Korea sign a safeguard agreement under the international nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, its official news agency reported today.

"As the United States continues to threaten us with nuclear stick, it has become very difficult for us to sign a safeguard agreement," a spokesman for the North Korean Foreign Ministry said in a statement distributed by the (North) Korean Central News Agency.

"If the United States removed a nuclear threat against us, we are fully ready to sign it with the IAEA any moment," the statement said.

Britain withdrew its ambassador from Baghdad in March as part of limited protests against the execution of Bazoft.

The Foreign Office said that one of the reasons Britain did not break relations with Iraq over the hanging was to protect the interests of Parish.

Relations worsened after British customs officers seized what they said were 40 nuclear triggers bound for Iraq and the British government said had confiscated steel pipes made in Britain and ordered for a giant Iraqi "supergun."

Hoax bomb threat against SA plane

Emergency landing

JOHANNESBURG, July 16, (AP): A South African Airways jet with 100 people on board made an emergency landing after a man claiming to be from a right-wing group said there was a bomb on board, officials said today.

No bomb was found, according to airline officials.

Extreme right-wing whites have claimed responsibility for a series of bomb attacks in recent weeks. Right-wing groups are demanding President F.W. de Klerk abandon plans to end white-minority rule and share political power with the black majority.

Police said today that pro-apartheid extremists probably were behind two weekend bombings of bars that killed two people and injured 21 others. Police said at least eight people were killed in black factional violence in Natal province during the weekend.

South African Airways (SAA) officials, who refused to be named, said a Boeing 737 made an emergency landing yesterday at Port Elizabeth on the east coast after a man claimed by telephone that there was a bomb on board.

The plane, on a flight from London to Cape Town, flew instead to Port Elizabeth, where police searched the plane for several hours but found nothing, SAA officials said.

The unidentified caller claimed to represent the Afrikaner Resistance Movement, one of the main white extremist groups. The group has not been connected to any terrorist attacks and it denied any involvement.

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Jews leaving Israel, their Zionist dreams faded or gone

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 16, (AP): While Israel welcomes tens of thousands of immigrants from the Soviet Union with hope and fanfare, thousands of Jews are leaving, their Zionist dreams faded.

Officials expect more than 150,000 Soviet Jews to arrive this year, but about 40,000 Israelis will emigrate — roughly 1 per cent of the Jewish population of 3.8 million.

About 14,000 Israelis left last year. The increase in emigration can be blamed in part on the Soviets' entry into already tight housing and job markets.

But emigration, especially to the United States, is a longstanding phenomenon.

By conservative estimates, 400,000 Jews have left in the four decades since Israel was founded. Population experts say the figure could double if it included Israelis who say they are leaving temporarily but never return.

The exodus is a serious blow to a country that was founded to gather Jewish exiles and worries about a burgeoning Arab population in Israel and the occupied territories.

Many of the emigrants are young and educated. Some are offspring of pioneer Zionists families.

Talks Arab officials to visit Soviets

MOSCOW, July 16, (Kuna): A Palestinian delegation is due here on Wednesday for talks with Soviet Foreign Ministry officials on the mass exodus of Soviet Jews to the occupied territories, Kuna reported today.

Palestinian diplomatic sources said the delegation, which will be headed by member of the PLO's executive committee, Mohammad Abbas, will also discuss with Soviet officials the formation of the recent Israeli government and the suspended US-PLO dialogue.

The same sources said the talks come within the bilateral consultations conducted by the joint Soviet-Palestinian committee.

During the visit, the Palestinian delegation will hold talks with deputy foreign minister as well as head of the Mideast and North Africa department at the Soviet Foreign Ministry.

Most head for the United States. New York and Los Angeles are estimated to have attracted 200,000 Israelis each.

"When you walk around New York City, you rarely pass one or two blocks without hearing Hebrew," said Mordechai Heiblum, a physicist who has

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM

July 16, (AP): Israel's ministerial immigration committee yesterday approved an emergency plan to house Soviet immigrants in hotels, youth hostels and sanatoriums, officials said.

Committee Chairman and Housing Minister Ariel Sharon said the new plan comes to ease the current housing crisis in Israel.

"I brought this proposal ... in order to block the skyrocketing housing prices and to stop the young couples, Israelis, from being thrown out of the apartments they live in," Sharon said on Israeli Army Radio.

Rents have doubled and even tripled throughout Israel with the arrival of Soviet immigrant wave, which has totalled more than 63,000 since 1989. It is expected to reach a total of 150,000 this year.

Many Israelis have been forced out of their rented homes by the inflated housing prices, and some have taken to living in tents so as to enforce demands for

housing solutions.

According to government figures, the country's 20,000 available rental apartments will be filled up by the end of September.

The government has approved an emergency plan to import 3,000 prefabricated houses.

It also plans 48,000 new housing units in 1990 and expects to break ground for 16,000 units within the next six weeks. But in the interim period between October 1990 and December 1991, when the first new apartments become available, it will need some 100,000 housing solutions.

Under the present "direct absorption" programme, families of new immigrants get a housing subsidy of some \$237 a month and then rent apartments.

The new programme, instead, would direct them to hotels and youth hostels, and the housing subsidy would be used to rent rooms there. Absorption Ministry spokeswoman Ida Ben-Shitrit said.

spent 17 years in the United States and works for IBM research laboratories.

"I left because the possibilities in Israel were non-existent," Heiblum said. He plans to return, but said that was because he had a job directing a new programme to encourage the

return of Israeli scientists.

Michael Kleiner, head of the immigrant absorption committee in Parliament, said the government must act quickly to create jobs and housing.

"The immigration from the Soviet Union has sharpened the problems for young Israelis,"

said Kleiner, a senior legislator from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's right-wing Likud bloc.

The warnings of growing emigration are echoed in the tent cities set up by homeless protesters outside the Parliament building in occupied Jerusalem and at city halls around the country.



Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir (right) carries the cushions from a couch on Sunday as part of the Jerusalem Hilton's donation of furniture to Soviet immigrants. The Hilton had recently refurbished its hotel and is donating much of the old furniture from its rooms to new immigrants living in the Jerusalem area. (Reuter wirephoto)

Shviger of the Jewish agency.

Some accuse the government of indifference.

"The whole country is excited that in the next few years, 300,000 Soviet Jews will arrive, but when you say at least that many people have left, this does not shock anyone," said Boaz

Avi Pazner, an aide to Shamir.

"If we have 100,000 immigrants and 10,000 who leave, we are still ahead by 90 per cent. It disturbs us, but it's not something vital. There is not much we can do."

Abbas torpedoes compromise plan

PLO won't bow to US, Arafat tells League

NICOSIA, July 16, (AP): Radical Palestinian leader Mohammed Abbas has torpedoed a PLO plan aimed at reviving the dialogue with the United States, suspended last month after an abortive seaborne raid on Israel by his commandos, senior PLO sources said today.

The officials, speaking by telephone from Tunis on condition of anonymity, said that under a compromise proposed by Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid, Abbas would resign from the Palestine Liberation Organisation's executive committee.

Washington would then resume the dialogue with the PLO through

Ambassador Robert Pelletreau Jr in Tunis, and within a few weeks elevate the level of contacts, the sources said.

But Abbas, leader of the Palestine Liberation Front, one of nine factions in the PLO under chairman Yasser Arafat, rejected the proposal, the sources said.

"The chairman is in a corner," a senior PLO official said by telephone. "If he acts against Abu Abbas he'll appear to be bowing to America and incense the radicals in the movement even further."

EC to test Israel

Troika to probe Levy's thoughts

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 16, (Agencies): The European Community is sending three foreign ministers to Israel next week to test the commitment of new right-wing Foreign Minister David Levy to Middle East peace.

The visit of the foreign ministers of Italy, Ireland and Luxembourg next week is supposed to serve as a hint as gentle as an elephant that the European Community does not intend to ease up on us," the newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth wrote on Monday.

The ministers, Gerry Collins of Ireland, Gianni De Michelis of Italy and Jacques Poos of Luxembourg, will be in Israel from the afternoon of July 23 to the morning of July 24, a foreign ministry spokesman said.

It is the first visit to Israel by the rotating "troika" handling the 12-nation community's foreign relations.

The "troika" wants to probe Levy's thoughts on Israel-Palestinian peace, foreign ministry director-general Reuven Merhav told Army Radio.

Levy, who has opposed Israel's steps toward peace talks over the past year, became foreign minister last month in the most right-wing government in the history of the Jewish state.

The visit was widely suspected in Israel to have been co-ordinated with the United States, which has been frustrated by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir in trying to convene Israeli-Palestinian talks.

The foreign ministers will also go to Tunis, Tunisia, home of the Arab League and the PLO, a commission spokesman said.

In violation of the joint Israeli-Jordanian truce committee agreement, the Israeli civil administration has decided to reduce the number of people who cross King Hussein and Prince Mohammad Bridge into the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip as of today.

Azzam Ahmed, the PLO's representative in Iraq, said the delay was to allow more consultations on the two key issues to be discussed: the suspended dialogue and the formation of a hardline government in Israel under Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

The PLF's chief spokesman in Baghdad, where Abbas has his main offices, said when asked if his leader planned to resign, "This is a baseless report."

"It's a fabricated story by the United States and its cronies," Hussein Al Abid told the Associated Press in Baghdad.

One PLO official stressed:

"Many in the PLO support punishing Abbas and any other leader who might jeopardise the peace overtures Arafat undertook in 1988."

"But this cannot happen through intimidation," the official said.



An Israeli Army captain kicks a Palestinian in the buttocks yesterday as the soldier clears an area of town following a clash in which Palestinians attacked a home of a Palestinian suspected of collaborating with the Israeli authorities. (Reuter wirephoto)

West criticised for inaction over hostages

TEHRAN, July 16, (Reuters): The West's failure to press for the release of Iranians missing in Lebanon and Arabs jailed by Israel will stonewall efforts by Tehran and Damascus to win the freedom of Western hostages in Lebanon, an Iranian newspaper said today.

The hardline Kayhan International said reports first issued by Iran's official news agency Iran nine days ago that a Western captive would soon be freed showed that Iran seriously wanted to end the hostage problem.

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He added that Israel has begun extradition proceedings against Rhein but declined to give details.

Israeli authorities reunite British mother, daughter and jail American father for kidnap

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Israeli soldiers accused of abuses

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 16, (AP): An Israeli human rights group today accused soldiers of "an itchy trigger finger" in dealing with the Palestinian uprising and said nuclear firing orders resulted in many unnecessary deaths.

The report by Betselem drew immediate criticism from the Army spokesman's office, which said it "contains many inconsistencies" and was "haughty, incriminating and one-sided."

The spokesman's office refused to discuss the report's specific charges, saying it could not comment until the Israeli Supreme Court rules on a suit filed earlier this year challenging the Army's orders in the occupied territories.

According to figures compiled by the Associated Press, 723 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli soldiers or civilians during the 31-month rebellion against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Killed

An additional 236 Palestinians have been killed by fellow Arabs, most on suspicion of collaboration with Israeli authorities. Forty-five Israelis have died in the violence.

The 60-page Betselem report noted that shootings by soldiers accounted for the overwhelming majority of fatalities. It said there were "hundreds of cases in which death could have been averted."

The report blamed nuclear firing regulations that had led to "a tang of interpretations" on when and how weapons can be used.

"The facts evoke an image of an itchy trigger finger, a lax observance of regulations, the absence of exhaustive investigations and a failure to mete out deterring and educational punishment," the Betselem report said.

It added that these suggest that "legitimacy is conferred on unjustified firing and violation of the law."

The report was especially critical of the army's handling of Palestinian demonstrations, in which most of the deaths have occurred.

Army orders require soldiers to fire at a demonstrator's legs and to shoot to kill only if the soldier's life is threatened.

The report noted that just nine soldiers have been killed during the uprising, only one of them during a riot.

"These figures show that no direct correlation exists between the intensity of the danger to life and the circumstances in which soldiers may open fire," the report said.

It also criticised the Army's use of plastic bullets for punishment and deterrence, saying this was "an extremely grave and wholly improper usage."

The army introduced plastic bullets in July 1988 to try to cut down on the rate of fatalities. The army says the bullets are not lethal when fired from at least 70 metres (yards).



PLO chairman Yasser Arafat (right) shows his bandaged right hand to Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi during a meeting on Sunday. Arafat said he had burned his hand but it was not serious. (Reuter wirephoto)

Syria-Iraq patch-up hope

Assad, Mubarak sign accords

CAIRO, July 16, (Agencies): Syrian President Hafez Al Assad said yesterday he was sure his country will patch up its longstanding differences with neighbouring archrival Iraq "no matter how long that may take."

Assad, visiting Egypt for the first time in 13 years, made the remarks in a joint news conference with President Hosni Mubarak following two days of talks in the Mediterranean resort city of Alexandria, about 140 miles north-west of Cairo.

Regarding Iraq, the problem has been known for years but in the final analysis, we are two Arab countries and will reach agreement no matter how long that may take," Assad said.

Mubarak said: "The prospects look much better by far now with respect to Iraq," and cited an easing of the propaganda war between the two Arab nations.

Efforts to reconcile Assad with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, his arch ideological foe, are being spearheaded by Saudi Arabia and aimed at achieving Arab unity before a regional summit next November.

Egyptian officials said both Assad and Saddam would attend next the November Arab summit meeting in Cairo.

Regarding the PLO, there is no problem between Syria and the PLO and there are no essential issues to differ over," Assad said.

Asked if Syria was prepared to join moderate Arab nations in a "serious and constructive" Middle East peace effort, Assad said: "we are ready depending on circumstances."

Mubarak has said that both King Hussein of Jordan and Assas would join the peace process if they felt that there was a seriousness of purpose.

Mubarak signed the bilateral relations and the peace-making process during their meetings.

"We are waiting for the outcome of the American-Israeli negotiations," he said, apparently referring to an expected meeting between US Secretary of State James Baker and Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy.

Egypt and Syria today signed two accords at the conclusion of the three-day visit by Assad.

Mubarak and Assad signed the first agreement which stipulates that both leaders would meet once a year to follow up development of bilateral relations.

Both leaders, according to the agreement will also review the outcome of meetings of the joint Syrian-Egyptian supreme committee that is chaired by premiers of the two states.

Chertok told the Hebrew daily Hadashot, "The mother is making up stories."

Rhein, who is Jewish, arrived in Israel July 1, apparently seeking Israeli citizenship with plans to stay on with his daughter.

Israeli newspapers said Rhein was walking down a major Tel Aviv street with his daughter when he was apprehended. They said he was shopping for linens to furnish the apartment he had recently rented.

Rhein's lawyer, Arye Chertok, alleges that Mrs Rhein obtained temporary custody of her daughter from British courts after she illegally moved Lindsay to England from France. He has fought his own custody case in France.

"The mother was the one who kidnapped the girl," Chertok told the Hebrew daily Hadashot. "The mother is ... making up stories."

Committee to follow up on new school year

17,000 new students registered

ASSISTANT Undersecretary for Private Education Affairs at the Ministry of Education, Dr Yaqoob Al Sharrafi said a special committee was formed to follow up on preparations for the coming academic year at private schools. The committee is headed by the director of the Private Education Department.

Interviewed by a local daily, he added

that the committee will design a plan for technical supervisors and distribute them among schools to ensure the completion of requirements. The committee will also look into schools requirements of headmasters and will follow up the opening of new private schools during the coming years. He pointed out that the committee will continue its work until Sept 1990 in addi-

tion to urging schools towards renewing their licences.

Dr Sharrafi expected that the number of new students during the coming academic year at Arab and non-Arab schools will reach 17,000 at kindergarten and primary stages. He stated that schools have been informed by the department of all

measures required for the admission of new students.

With respect to hiring new teachers, he said that the department has this year followed a new system to give schools the opportunity to conduct personal interviews with teachers according to conditions set by the ministry.

Islamic museum publishes new book

IN a 200-page book published by the Kuwait House of Islamic Antiquities in different languages, Arabic, Russian and English, a comprehensive survey is provided for Islamic works of art exhibited at the Soviet Hermitage Museum, entitled, "The Masterpieces of Islamic Art in the Soviet Union."

The book, published in glossy-quality paper, provides among other things, definitions for Islamic exhibits at the Hermitage Museum, with illustrations and clear accounts of the artistic and historical value of the object in question.

The foreword to the book is taken from a speech of HH Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad on true human value and artistic treasures of the Islamic civilisations as reflected in different aspects of life. Particular reference is accorded to the artistic contributions of Islam to enrich the immortal architectural, urban and intellectual walks of life and the Soviet Union's share of Islamic art and masterpieces that are displayed at the Hermitage Museum.

The director of the house Sheikha Hussa Al Sabah, said in introducing the artistic works contained in the book that it took a great deal of co-operation, effort and interdependence from the house and the Soviet Hermitage Museum team over the past few months to put this book in print.

Dr Anatoli Ivanov, supervisor of the Orient Section at the Hermitage Museum said in the book that the museum used its rare and valuable collection of Islamic works of art on its permanent exhibitions in the Middle East, Asia Minor, India and other areas, which reflect the historical relations that tied Russia to Islamic civilisations.

He said that the Orient Section contained 30,000 masterpieces of Islamic art, besides coins and traditional weapons. He added that the total number of objects on display from Oriental art reach 180,000 pieces, and types of coins used by ancient Islamic civilisations on display at the museum is about 150,000.

He said that these rare acquisitions were in fact gifts presented to embassies established in St Petersburg, the new capital of Russia in the first half of the 18th century, before the establishment of the museum in 1764.

He added that these acquisitions were in part war gains carried by the Russian combatants fighting against the Turks in the 18th century.

Al Ghanim selected dean of students

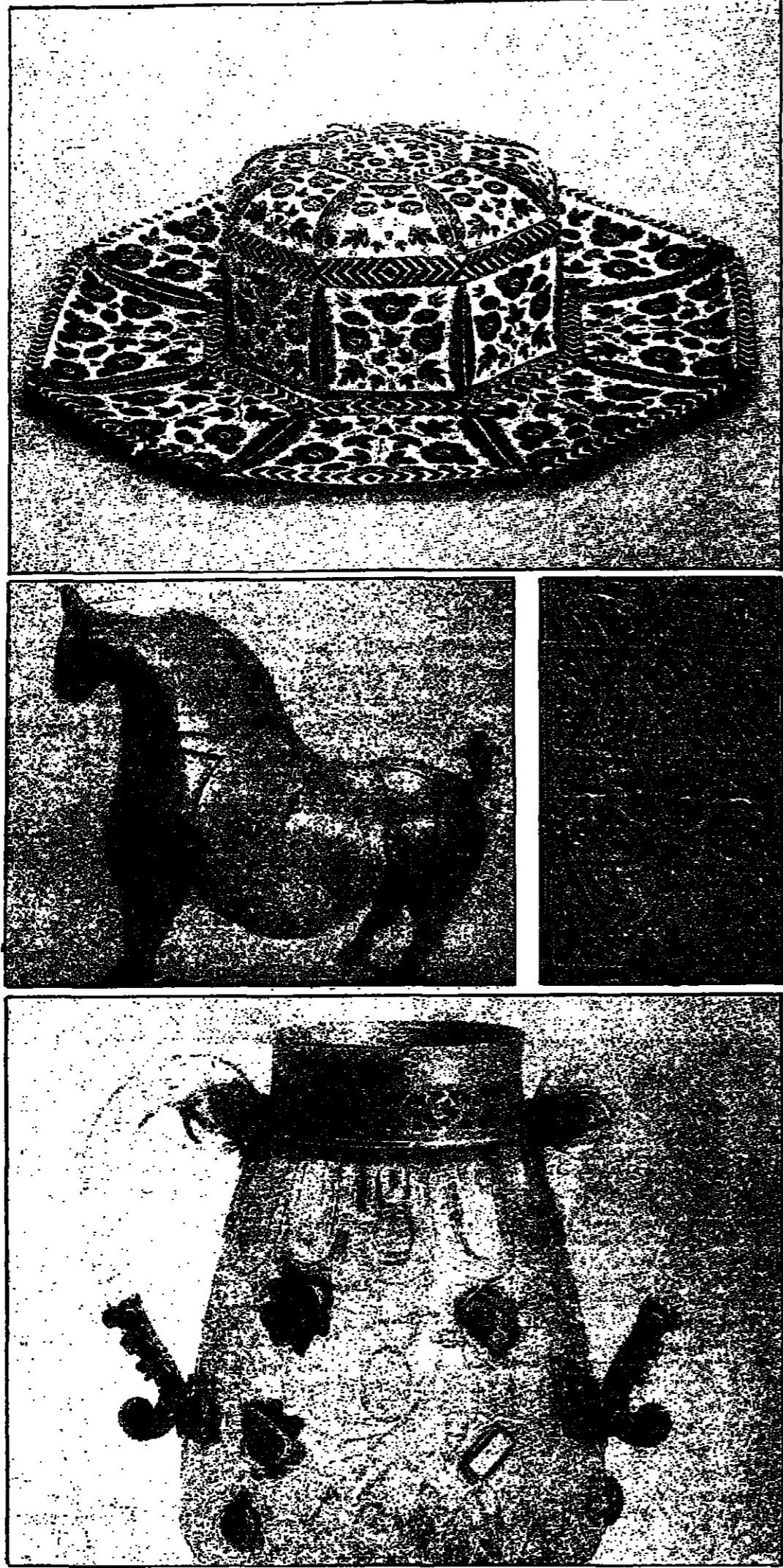
THE committee entrusted with the election of a dean of students affairs has reportedly selected Dr Abdul Aziz Al Ghanim for the position. Dr Al Ghanim is a member of the teaching staff at the Education Department in the College of Education at the university.

Well-informed sources at the university said that the committee, formed by a decision from the university rector Dr Shuaib Abdullah Shuaib, said that its decision on the new dean was based on a number of factors mainly the efficiency in treating students exhibited and his high-level of academic performance.

Jordan to collect money from expats

AMMAN, July 16, (Kuna): A royal decree today endorsed collecting a sum of money from Jordanian expatriates in return for relieving them of the compulsory military service.

An official source told Kuna that the Jordanian government will issue instructions in the next couple of days determining the exact sum of money which would be in hard currency.



Some of the exhibits enumerated in the new book by the House of Islamic antiquities in Kuwait.

AMC distributes 21,500 sacrifices to Africans

320 embrace Islam

THE secretary-general of the African Muslims Committee Dr Abdul Rahman Al Sumaiti has said that the committee has sponsored the slaughter of 21,500 sacrifices in and outside Kuwait this year.

He told Kuna that the total number of beneficiaries from these sacrifices were 752,500 people. The sacrifices were distributed by the branch offices of the committee in 21 African countries.

He said that the number of sacrifices slaughtered in Rwanda alone was 259, and the number of beneficiaries reached 2,650. The number of beneficiaries in Burkina Faso was 4,472.

He also said that in Gambia 778 sacrifices were slaughtered with an increase of 253 over the needed quantity and that the number covered the needs of poor families in more than 90 villages, and a number of hospitals and prisons.

In Chad, he added, more than 19,095 people benefited from the sacrifices, of whom 1020 people were from the city of Abis and the suburbs. The sacrifices were enough to go round a number of clinics, hospitals, the central prison and a few schools.

Refugees

Meanwhile, an official at the AMC said that massacres continue against African Muslims in Liberia unabated since the entry of rebels into the country.

The official said in a press statement that more than 350 Muslims from the city of Cacata were killed in addition to 500 Muslim refugees including women and children who were mercilessly butchered.

The official said that these Muslim victims were

not involved in any political or military matters. The committee had dispatched four relief teams with aid to the refugees who crossed the borders into Guinea.

These refugees are reportedly feeding on grass and tree leaves.

He said that the committee has recalled all Muslim preachers from Liberia for work on the relief mission operating in Guinea.

The committee has called on all the Muslims to support their Muslim brethren and extend all possible relief and aid to Liberia to help them defend themselves and save their souls and properties.

Converts

In a related development, a report from the Islamic Heritage Revival Society based in Kuwait showed that more than 320 persons embraced Islam by efforts of preachers of society in many countries of the world. The report showed that large numbers of people living in the areas around Umm Durman of Sudan embraced Islam. The report added that there are some missionary activities made among Sudanese people in the southern area. These activities are being supported by the foreign missionary establishments.

On the other hand, sources said that the society has about 820 preachers and teachers of Quran working in different countries of the world. They added that their efforts and activities are considered insignificant compared to activities of missionaries that are sent to the Islamic world. Statistics show that about 100,000 persons are working in more than 100 Christian missionary establishments and organisations in the world.

Weather

HOT summer weather with moderate north westerly wind may freshen at times.

State of sea: Moderate

High water: 6:00 am, 8:00 pm

Low water: 12:00 am, 12:00 noon

Sunrise: 4:59 am

Sunset: 6:48 pm

Maximum temperature recorded:

Kuwait: 49°C 120°F

Ahmad: 46°C 115°F

Falak: 45°C 113°F

Minimum temperature expected:

Kuwait: 45°C 113°F

Ahmad: 46°C 115°F

Falak: 45°C 113°F

Maximum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 18 per cent

Ahmad: 34 per cent

Falak: 30 per cent

Article 75 states that the committee for the evaluation of the previous parliamentary experience will present the council every three months' reports on its deliberations which will be discussed in confidential sessions.

Praising the government of Dubai for its major role in ensuring the success of the exhibition, Kern added: "The facilities now being designed and constructed by the government will make Dubai, without doubt, the best aerospace and defence show ground in the world. Additional facilities for demonstrating land and sea equipment will be made available."

The Dubai '91 International Aerospace and Defence Exhibition will be held from January 27-31 at Dubai International Airport. A conference on commercial aviation, organised by Emirates, will run simultaneously and there are plans for a defence conference in Abu Dhabi.

Independent Cassation Court plan for September

Judiciary to be Kuwaitised

which was recently concluded between Kuwait and Egypt.

Apart from the above, the official said that the ministry has prepared intensified training courses for a number of its technical and administrative cadres in co-operation with Kuwait's Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (Paaet).

The official praised judicial co-operation between Kuwait and other Arab countries. He pointed out that Kuwait has shown persistent presence in this field particularly through the Arab League. He referred to Kuwaiti co-operation initiatives which had been submitted to the seven conferences of the Arab Justice Ministers and the positive role played by Kuwait in this connection.

He confirmed that the ministry's plan includes the setting up of new departments at the Court of Appeal and the Court of First Instance for meeting the increasing number of cases in these courts.

The official also said that the ministry will go ahead in Kuwaitising the country's judiciary as well as other technical and administrative posts at the ministry including the experts department, real estate registration department and the ratification department.

He added that the ministry is striving to upgrade the efficiency of its employees by organising regular training courses. He clarified that the ministry has organised training courses for new public prosecutors and some of them have been sent on scholarship to Egypt to attend the Institute of Judicial Studies to have the necessary training. He pointed out that such a step fell in with the implementation of Judicial Co-operation Protocol.

He added that the ministry is working to develop the apparatus of the department.

Speaking of expertise exchange between his ministry and its counterparts in other Arab countries, the assistant undersecretary said that the ministry had deputed several legal and judicial delegations to some Arab countries including

Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and others to take part in conferences hosted by these countries in addition to help sustain judicial relations between Kuwait and these countries.

Speaking of the setting up of Kuwait Institute for Judicial and Legal Studies, the official said that the minister of justice and legal affairs issued the relevant ministerial decision in 1989 for the formation of a committee which was chaired by the deputy chairman of Higher Court of Appeals in order to comprehensively study the setting up of such an institute.

He added that the committee had performed its task and the relevant report has been submitted to the minister.

In a related development, the director of experts department at Kuwait's Ministry of Justice Fawzi Al Whab said that several new divisions had been set up at the department which will settle urgent cases.

He added that the ministry of justice was striving to develop the apparatus of the department. Several engineering experts had been appointed to the department in addition to the incorporation of the computer system.

He disclosed that there were about 37 Kuwaiti experts working in the department. This figure represents about 50 per cent of the experts working in the department.

National Council

(Continued from Page 1)

documentary evidence supporting the case. The complaint against the member should be submitted to the Speaker who will refer it to the legislation committee which will investigate the case to safeguard the interest of the member.

Article 20 states that any member who does not attend any meeting would have to provide the Speaker of the House with a valid reason. Leave application should be for a maximum period of one month, to be approved by the Speaker.

Article 23 stipulates that during the term of membership, a member is not entitled to buy, or rent any government properties and vice-versa cannot rent or sell any of his properties to the government. Should a member need to transact such dealings, these will be conducted through public auction or tender or by implementation through the mandatory appropriation system. A member is not permitted to use or permit the use of his official title in any financial, industrial or commercial activities.

Article 30 states that members also agreed that the council's annual eight-month session will not be closed before approving its budget, prior to being submitted to the government.

Article 63 stipulated that 11 committees will be formed. The first will review the past parliamentary experience.

Article 74 states that committee proceedings are confidential and minutes of meetings will be recorded for each session. Minutes of the meeting will be signed by the president and secretary of the council. A member could attend committee sessions where he is not a member of the particular committee with the provision that the committee in question will approve his request.

However, audit members attending other than their own committee sessions will not interfere or express any opinions during such sessions. Every council member has the right to look at the minutes of meetings after informing the committee of such a desire.

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Bareges, speaking during the council session.

Article 76 stipulates that all committees, except first, can submit their reports and recommendations within a limit of three weeks and any delay in submittal has to be approved by the speaker of the following meeting.

Article 83 also stipulates that the National Council is empowered to undertake studies of negative aspects which hinder co-operation between the judiciary and executive bodies.

The council will also recommend measures directed to ensure the unity and stability of the country in accordance with Islamic laws.

Article 102 states that the council has the right to express its wishes to the cabinet on general issues. In the eventuality the cabinet fails to consider these issues, reasons will be indicated. The council will discuss and express its opinions on government programmes.

The ongoing first session of the council is a "historical event in the annals of Kuwait's history," said Mohamed Al Bareges, a member of the council.

He attributed this significant achievement to the pragmatic and political insight of HH the Amir.

The basic concept in bringing about the formation of this council is manifold, Bareges said and added that the pivotal role is to be played by the younger generation of Kuwait on whose shoulders the future responsibilities of the nation will rest, coupled with ensuring stability and opportunities for all Kuwaitis without any distinctions.

Bareges urged all members of the council to work with a "co-operation spirit" to attain the high ideals, principles laid down by HH the Amir.

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In another accident, the driver of a car was injured in a collision with another car in the Ahmadi, Governorate.

Another traffic accident involving a water tanker in the Abdali caused injuries to a Sri Lankan national identified as Abdul Jabbar N who was knocked down by the tanker.

An individual identified as Gazi A. also suffered injuries when he was knocked down by a speeding car in south of Jahra.

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The construction of a third exhibition hall with 15,000 square metres of additional space is currently under way at the Dubai International Airport site while hospitality facilities have been greatly enlarged. More than 10,000 industry-linked visitors attended Dubai '89 and the organisers envisage a major increase in number next January. "We have already been informed of intended visits by official delegations from the majority of Middle Eastern countries," Kern added.

Dubai airshow to include land and sea defence

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KUWAIT ... GULF**Kasco ready to accept 11 KAC employees: Nafisi****Working without salary report**

THE director of public relations and information at Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) Abdullah Al Nafisi has said that Kuwait Aviation Services Company (Kasco) is willing to appoint the 11 Kuwaiti employees who had reported that they are working with Kuwait Airways Corporation without salary.

These employees should apply to Kasco

and they will be appointed in accordance with the employment stipulations of the company, the official said.

The official was commenting on a statement issued recently by the chairman of the labour union at KAC who said that there are eleven Kuwaitis working in KAC without salaries. He commented that

Kuwait Aviation Services Company is affiliated to KAC, and the transfer of some services to Kasco is in keeping with the systems generally applied in the civil aviation sector.

He confirmed that the employees of Kasco are entitled to privileges identical to that of their colleagues in KAC. He added that some departments at KAC had been

closed and accordingly the employees of these departments were being transferred to Kasco.

Meanwhile, the official has denied that the pension positions of these employees will be affected, describing the statement of the chairman of the labour union in this connection as baseless.

Aussie sheep**Kuwait detains consignment**

KUWAIT'S Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources, recently detained a consignment of Australian sheep as part of the consignment suffered from mouth scabies, a local daily reported.

According to sources, a consignment of 100,000 head of sheep had arrived abroad a ship affiliated to a leading livestock company. From this, 55,000 sheep had been unloaded in Kuwait and the remainder in Bahrain.

Bahrain rejected the consignment as it claimed that 80 percent suffered from mouth scabies. This consignment was brought to Kuwait and sources said that five heads suffered from the said disease. Necessary tests are being conducted, and will be conducted on all sheep of this consignment, prior to permission for slaughter. Additionally, authorities in Kuwait are in close contact with all the region's importers of Australian sheep to determine if they have found any specific disease among these Australian sheep.

However, authorities have clarified that there is no cause for alarm from this disease in relation to human beings and its effect on animals is not significant.

Meanwhile, the daily reported that the authorities concerned at the United Arab Emirates (UAE) had recently banned the ship "Al Shuaikah" which transported these sheep from entering its port as a preventive measure aimed at preserving public health and livestock. This move was based on data received from Bahrain.

It added that Saudi Arabia which constitutes the major importer of Australian sheep had rejected last September about 600,000 heads of Australian sheep as they were suffering from some disease.

Bangladesh envoy

K.M. Shehabuddin, Ambassador of Bangladesh to the State of Kuwait yesterday called on Ambassador Abdul Aziz Essa Al Khodri, Head of Asia and Africa Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and reviewed international, regional and bilateral relations of mutual interest.

**Further amendments in Labour Law requested****Call to cancel guarantees**

THE recent ministerial decision amending the labour law in the private sector received enthusiastic response at several levels – particularly among the labour sector, establishments and companies.

To highlight this issue, the daily Al Seyassat monitored the reaction of some employers and employees, who have mostly expressed satisfaction on the issue and in the meanwhile, have called for more facilities in this connection.

Mohammad Khaja, an employer, said that the government is always striving to realize the interest of citizens and expatriates. The transfer of residence of expatriates after two years instead of three will positively reflect on the development of companies and establishments, he said. He added that: "This revision is good for both the employer and employee and will obviate labour monopoly." However, he called for specifically cancelling the financial guarantee system.

Issam Abu Rasheed, representative (Mandoub) said that the revision of the article concerning the residence transfer had positively impressed the people in the country. These amendments had added more flexibility to the labour movement in the country and will surmount the workforce monopoly, he said.

Freedom

Hussain Al Khaldi, an employer described the amendments as very fair which had provided relative freedom for both employers and employees.

Khaled Al Mutairi an employer expressed satisfaction at the ministerial decision and called for the cancelling of financial guarantees.

Artist Jassim Al Nabhan expressed great satisfaction over

this decision and called for the cancelling of the financial guarantee. He called for the review of the fines to be paid by violators, clarifying that some people unintentionally forget the expiry date of their residence or the residence for their servants.

He suggested that the transfer of family visas to work visas should be settled by the director of the respective department instead of the minister since such a measure will alleviate the minister's burdens.

Salem Al Saadi, director of public relations at one local company, said that the recent ministerial decision amending the labour law in the private sector impressed all the people in the country. He said that he came to the ministry to ask for an exemption to exempt his company from the condition of three years for transferring the residence, but he was surprised to know that a ministerial decision in this connection had already been issued.

Surprised

As expatriate identified as Nadia Zaidan said she came to the ministry to interview the minister to ask him for an exception allowing her brother to transfer his residence from the government sector to the private one, and she was surprised to see that the new decision has settled this issue.

Seyassat also quoted a senior economic source as saying that the decision which had been issued recently by the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Jaber Al Abdullah Al Jaber Al Sabah was keeping in line with the country's requirements which are represented by realising a qualitative leap which HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed is striving for.

He added that the decision was

**Summer club for girls**

The director of Dahr Summer Club for Girls, Amina Al Marzouk, has said that about 300 girls joined the club from its inception and the number of members is increasing. The club serves girls living in Dahr, Hadiya, and west of Fintas and the official said over 400 members will join the club this summer as a number of girls in the club visited many houses in these areas to convince girls to join the club which was a successful campaign. She added that girls are given full freedom to join any activity they want in the club according to their hobbies.

She pointed out that computer and electronic games attract many girls. The club offers a number of cultural, scientific, social and sporting programmes. The girls also pay visits to a number of ministries, establishments and touristic places in the country.

Marzouk added that the Ministry of Education meets all demands of summer clubs. But she

demanded separate buildings for summer clubs instead of using schools. Members should be made to feel they are inside real clubs and not schools, she officially commented.

The sports activities supervisor Sara Al Subai said that about 50 girls participate in different sports activities in the club and members are expected to increase. She added that most girls prefer to come in the evening period. The girls have several games options like: basketball, volleyball, table tennis and handball.

The supervisor of the computer class Nadia Abdulla said that 45 girls are getting training on 10 computer sets in the club. Each one has one hour to use the computer. The librarian, Eftidal Awadi, said that about 50 to 60 girls visit the library everyday especially in the evening. The library contains different topics of books that are suitable for all ages. Pictures show girls at a music class (above), and at a sewing class (below).

**Farwaniya Governorate****Housing issue being addressed: governor**

SHEIKH Ahmed Al Hmoud Al Sabah, the governor of Al Farwaniya was quoted as saying that the housing issue is being addressed on a priority basis by concerned officials in the state.

Speaking to a local daily, the governor said that no efforts are being spared to surround this problem to facilitate appropriate residence for every citizen. Kuwait's achievements in this field have gained the appreciation of several countries, the official said.

Sheikh Ahmed described Farwaniya Governorate as being at the country's forefront and said that there were no specific problems experienced by the residents. Problems could be deemed of a general nature which can be solved in a spirit of co-operation between officials and citizens. He clarified that the

governorate is in need of some main services which the council of the governorate had debated with the ministers responsible for public services.

Such services include expanding of Farwaniya Hospital, the allocation of a building to establish a dental clinic, setting up of a health centre at Firdous area, appointment of a paediatrician and general practitioner at Omariya Clinic, transferring Al Reqa Health Centre into a specialised clinic and setting up of a health centre at Jleeb Al Shuyookh area.

It is also in need of a labour office and youth centres at Sabah Al Naser, Firdous, Yarmouk, Andalus, Surra and Qurtuba areas. He attributed vandalism, and juvenile deviation to the absence of co-operation between parents and authorities.

The purpose of establishing these centres is to protect students from commercial exploiters of the educational profession and to provide protection to the teacher as well as the right environment for learning, the official said. He added that orphans and students get special treatment, stressing that the children of society members will get 50 per cent off the subscription fee.

Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, principal of the Dasmah Centre, said that the number of students at the centre is about 700 girls in the morning session. He disclosed that the local police station has positively cooperated to make sure that the students will not be harassed by idle boys

and co-operation between parents and authorities concerned in addition to the absence of national awareness. He called for adopting firm measures to address these two evils and for enhancing co-operation between parents and authorities.

The governor disclosed that in co-operation with the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources he has formulated an urgent scheme for afforestation and landscaping the governorate to keep abreast with the Amiri desire. The governorate has prepared a competition for the "best house garden" in addition to another competition to select the best garden in the schools of the governorate. The governorate is also endeavouring to spread agricultural awareness among citizens, the official said.

Discussions tackled bilateral relations and means of promoting air traffic between the two countries.

Summer centres open extra coaching classes

A LOCAL daily toured various summer educational centres opened by the Kuwait Teachers Society in different locations in the country to enable students with weaknesses in certain subjects to join intensive programmes aimed at improving their levels.

The board member of the society and rapporteur of the Studies Committee Bader Bo Rahmati said that the centres were originally three in 69/70 located in Dasmah, Jahra and Ahmad and that the number grew to 12 centres in all educational areas.

The purpose of establishing these centres is to protect students from commercial exploiters of the educational profession and to provide protection to the teacher as well as the right environment for learning, the official said. He added that orphans and students get special treatment, stressing that the children of society members will get 50 per cent off the subscription fee.

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He called on parents to let their children benefit from these summer centres instead of travelling for pleasure outside the country.

Board member Yaqoub Al Asfour said that the society also opened the indoor swimming pool for teachers and their children which cost the society nearly KD 100,000. This step is a contribution by the society to provide students another recreational facility to spend their leisure time.

He said that the pool will be open all year round, and that it is provided with 28 cooling and heating units. Subscription is only confined to teachers and their children at KD 1 for the teacher and KD 5 for the child.

The pool will be open from 8 to 12 in the morning and 4 to 9 in the evening, except on Thursdays and Fridays.

Another society member Bader Al Refai said that the society organised a number of summer courses which included computers, sciences, sports and contests in different fields of science and knowledge to maximise students' benefit.

Fouzan tours state hospitals

KUWAIT'S Minister of Public Health, Dr Abdulwahab Al Fouzan inspected the Al Sabah, Mubarak Al Kabeer, Infectious Diseases and Chest Diseases hospitals, a local daily reported.

The daily quoted the minister as saying that he was satisfied with the level of services at these hospitals. His tour at Al Sabah Hospital, he said covered most departments, including surgery, general diseases and pediatrics in addition to the hospital's pharmacy.

At Mubarak Al Kabeer Hospital, he said he met with officials and the physicians to ascertain the level of services. He added that during his visit he urged nurses to be vigilant in the interest of patients.

He commented that he had also touched upon the issue of a shortage in nurses and in this respect he would pay another visit to this hospital to verify the quantum and quality of nurses and will also address other problems that the hospital might experience.

He praised the level of services offered by the Infectious Diseases and Chest Diseases Hospitals. Renovations to the hospitals are presently under study according to a specified plan, he added.

Another local daily reported that during the course of his visits to these hospitals, the minister had called on both outpatients and those hospitalised.

Merger of PPA and DGCA suggested

KUWAIT'S Minister of Communication, Habib Jawhar Hayat, recently sent a letter to the cabinet suggesting the merger of the functions of the Directorate General for Civil Aviation (DGCA) and the Public Ports Authority (PPA) to fall under the umbrella of the Ministry of Communications, a local daily reported.

This proposal had been submitted in the wake of cancelling the Ministry of State for Services to which these authorities were affiliated and to enable the Ministry of Communications to represent these two authorities at the cabinet.

Meanwhile the daily learnt that director of Accounts Department at the Ministry of Communications, Mishari Al Fares, director of Overland Transport, Mubarak Al Khaldi and director of International Telecommunications, Adel Al Ibrahim were nominated for promotion to the grade of assistant undersecretary in their respective posts.

Bad debts scheme seeing success: report

ACCORDING to a monetary release issued by the Central Bank, the first three months in the present year witnessed the implementation of a number of recommendations adopted in the Joint Economic Committee report endorsed by the Council of Ministers on December 5, 1989. These relate to the activation of the economic level in the country and upgrading the performance of the difficult loan settlement programme.

The release added that this included the opening of the immediate settlement programme and fixing a date for the possibility of using this service.

The release said that the bank issued treasury bills in the amount of KD 395 million on eight occasions. Four of these issues matured in the amount of KD 370 million.

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

NOTHING can be honourable where justice is absent

—Cicero, Roman statesman-philosopher (106-43 BC).

German unity rattles Britain Govt unmasks

LONDON, (AP): Nicholas Ridley is the fourth cabinet minister to leave the government in a dispute over Britain's commitment to Europe, an issue that is expected to dominate British politics through the 1990s.

The island nation that defeated Germany in two world wars is now bereft of an empire and wrestling with the prospect of a reunited Germany dominating Europe.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's opposition to European political and economic union, especially now that Germany is reuniting, is well-known.



Ridley caused a storm

Thus when Ridley, her ideological soulmate and closest cabinet colleague, launched a diatribe against the Germans and the European Community bureaucracy, it provoked new questions about Thatcher's real feelings on Europe.

Accused

In an interview in last week's Spectator magazine, Ridley accused Germany of seeking to dominate a federal Europe, called France "a poodle" of West Germany, and said that surrendering British sovereignty to unelected EEC politicians was tantamount to giving it to Hitler.

Facing a chorus of disapproval from the opposition as well as his own Conservative Party, Ridley resigned as trade secretary Saturday.

On Sunday it emerged that Thatcher called a meeting of leading academics last March to discuss Germany's future and its character. The talk touched, among other things, on German stereotypes like bullying, egotism and sentimentality.

It was a further embarrassment to a government already on the defensive over Ridley's remarks.

Polls in several Sunday papers found most Britons disagreeing with Ridley — 53 per cent in the Sunday Telegraph poll, 52 per cent in the Sunday Correspondent and 48 per cent in the Sunday Times.

The Independent on Sunday published the leaked text of a summary of the academics' meeting, written by Charles Powell, Thatcher's private secretary. The news guaranteed the issue of Europe a place on top of the national agenda.

The summary said that "even the optimists had some unease, not for the present and the immediate future, but for what might lie further down the road than we can yet see."

Gerald Kaufman of the opposition Labour Party attacked "the uncouthness and insensitivity" of senior government members sitting around "pulling the Germans to pieces."

Outburst

Labour's George Robertson said: "It will deepen the hole that the government is in, because it makes it look as though Ridley's outburst was the tip of the iceberg."

Paddy Ashdown, leader of the centrist Liberal Democrats, said: "Mrs Thatcher is now irreparably damaged in her ability to represent Britain in Europe and to play a full and constructive part in the creation of a new Europe."

Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, who confirmed the accuracy of the summary, defended the meeting in a BBC-TV interview as a natural response to the upheaval in Eastern Europe.

Arguments about Britain's commitment to the European Community have bedeviled Thatcher's cabinet in recent years.

Michael Heseltine quit as defence secretary in 1986 after losing a battle over the sale of an ailing British helicopter manufacturer. Heseltine favoured selling it to a European consortium. Thatcher preferred a US buyer.

Heseltine's resignation forced home secretary Leon Brittan to quit. Heseltine is now a leading undeclared contender for Thatcher's job, while Brittan is a senior official at EC headquarters in Brussels.

The long-running argument about Britain's entry into the exchange rate mechanism, which acts to stabilise EC currencies, was in the background of more upheaval last year, when Geoffrey Howe, then foreign secretary and a supporter of the system, was demoted.

Months later Nigel Lawson resigned as Treasury chief in a dispute linked to the ERM.

Britain's entry into the ERM now looks inevitable, but meanwhile a whole new issue has loomed — economic and monetary union, whereby the 12 EC nations are to unite under a single currency and central bank.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1581 — Edmund Campion, English Jesuit, is seized on charges of treason against English Crown.
- 1596 — Sir Francis Walsingham succeeds, in unravelling Babington plot to murder England's Queen Elizabeth I, and establishes that Mary Queen of Scots was implicated in the plan.
- 1603 — Sir Walter Raleigh is arrested for suspected complicity in plot to dethrone England's King James I.
- 1762 — Peter III, Tsar of Russia, is assassinated and is succeeded by Catherine II.
- 1791 — Massacre of Champ de Mars by Marquis de Lafayette restores order in Paris.
- 1880 — New penal code, based on that of France, is approved in Japan.
- 1894 — Cecil Rhodes becomes premier of Cape colony in Africa.
- 1894 — Italian forces take Kassala, Sudan, from the Dervishes.
- 1936 — Spain's civil war starts as Gen. Francisco Franco leads army forces in revolt against Spain's government.
- 1961 — New constitution goes into effect in British Guiana.
- 1965 — US B52 bombers from Guam make their first strikes in Vietnam in support of allied ground operations.
- 1968 — Right wing group of army officers overthrows Iraq government.
- 1973 — Afghanistan is proclaimed republic following palace coup which ends 40-year-rule of King Mohammed Zahir Shah.
- 1975 — US astronauts and Soviet cosmonauts in Apollo and Soyuz spacecraft link up while in orbit and join hands.
- 1987 — France breaks diplomatic relations with Iran.
- 1988 — Police impose "shoot-on-sight" curfew in Hyderabad, Pakistan, after gunmen attack the mayor.
- 1989 — China denounces Paris summit partners for what it calls gross interference.

'Only the rule of law can end upheavals'

American legal authorities caution the Soviet Union

By Richard Thornburgh

WHETHER or not the 28th Communist Party Congress in Moscow was, as some predict and more hope, a true precursor to the "withering away of the party," the extraordinary debate which took place in that forum parallels "law-based state" — a Soviet Union founded on the rule of law.

Heritage analyst Leon Aron has identified the creation of "a government vested with authority and having enough legitimacy to administer the very bitter pill of radical economic reform... as the central and most urgent issue of Soviet politics today."

It is my view, in the context of recent exchanges between the Department of Justice and our Soviet counterparts, that the rule of law is the only basis upon which such a government can eventuate from the upheaval presently under way in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Our October 1989 trip to the Soviet Union — the very first by a sitting United States attorney-general — occurred at the very beginning of the Supreme Soviet's efforts at institutional reform — and enabled us to open an historic, and continuing, dialogue on the rule of law and human rights.

It was a remarkable experience. At the invitation of Soviet Minister of Justice, Veniamin F. Yakovlev, we met for a week with Soviet leaders in the fields of law enforcement and the administration of justice — ministers, jurists, law students, even the chief of the KGB, Vladimir Kryuchkov. Our agenda was a full one, devoted to topics central to what makes our democracy work: our Bill of Rights, our federal system, the principle of separation of powers, with its checks and balances, our two-party political process — all from that curriculum of liberties we teach (but don't always learn) in our basic high school civics courses.

And I have to credit our Soviet hosts, even at that early juncture, with a bold exercise. Our political discussions were open and free-ranging, covering everything from our mutual interest in stopping international terrorism to their obligation — as we see it, and they increasingly recognise it — to allow freer emigration of Soviet Jews. But our talks still took place within an historical legal context that must be understood, if their present difficulties are to be fully recognised, or ever surmounted.

Soviet justice

To summarise abruptly a great deal of history, Soviet justice derives from three legal traditions: customary law among the peasantry, the imperial law of the Czars, and, much later, the Romanist law of civil codes. Customary and imperial law have had by far the overwhelming impact, creating a government of men above the law, from the Mongols to the boyars to the Czars and beyond. Various formal codifications of imperial law did appear. But the operative legal power was still vested in what we commonly know as the ukase: "A proclamation of a Russian Czar," as Webster's says, "having the force of law."

This violently changed — yet did not really change — when the Bolsheviks came to power. Initially Lenin abolished imperial law, along with private property, and set up the people's courts. Judges were instructed to follow the decrees of the revolution — or their "socialist conscience." Later, Lenin and his successors moved to keep authoritarian sway over the courts by what became known as "telephone justice." Party officials frequently rang up judges, who ruled in particular cases according to what the party told them to do. The ukase had been reduced, by 20th century technology, to a phone call. The legalistic way was prepared for Stalin's Moscow show trials during the Great Terror and, thereafter, the habitual subordination of the law to party interests.

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Nine months ago he was a member of a group of American legal experts who were invited to the Soviet Union to explain the US legal system and answer Soviet questions on it. This article, based on a recent speech at the Heritage Foundation in Washington, recalls that dialogue on the rule of law.



Demonstrators flash the V-sign as thousands of Muscovites gather in front of the Kremlin walls yesterday during an anti-communist rally called by radicals and reformists. (Reuter wirephoto)

Democracy hurts East Europe

Africans demand reforms

VIENNA, Austria, (AP): Millions of East Europeans expected the tide of democracy that swept the communists from power last year to solve all their problems. It hasn't, and discontent is spreading.

Janos Lampert, a 32-year-old electrician in Budapest, Hungary, was an avid supporter of the democracy movement. Three months after democratic elections gave Hungary its first non-communist government in four decades, he still moonlights to support his wife and two children.

Of the televised Parliament sessions, he said: "Disgusting... those guys yakking all day while the economy is in shambles."

Problems in Budapest may differ from those in Bucharest, East Berlin, Prague, Sofia or Warsaw, but disappointment is widespread.

Some East Europeans question whether the battle for democracy has really won. Others are depressed by the long road to prosperity that lies ahead.

Hungarians have been subjected to price increases, new taxes and business bankruptcies that produced unemployment. The mood is sullen. Many believe the new government of political neophytes is unequal to the task of improving conditions with a minimum of pain.

For Hungarians thinking of starting a business, government permission takes up to three months.

Inflation exceeded 30 per cent in the first quarter of this year, industrial production dropped more than 8 per cent and an estimated 50,000 people were unemployed, compared to 3,200 a year ago. The foreign debt of \$20.6 billion is the highest per capita in Eastern Europe.

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NAIROBI, Kenya, (AP): The winds of democracy blowing from Eastern Europe have reached Kenya, setting off bloody street battles in what has been considered the most stable nation of black Africa.

Several political explosions have rocked Africa south of the Sahara this year. Mass demands for reform have shaken other one-party governments in Ivory Coast, Gabon, Zambia, Cameroon, Zaire and Benin.

Analysts say the protests reflect awareness that one-party rule was swept aside in Eastern Europe last year and the weariness of Africans with leadership that often is authoritarian and corrupt.

In Kenya, at least 28 people were killed in riots that began at a banned rally for multiparty politics July 7. The demonstrators stoned a plainclothes policeman and police responded with tear gas and gunfire, starting four days of street battles that spread to other parts of the country.

Multiparty

Multiparty democracy "is an international catchword which has been adopted by all those who have a grievance against the government," said a Western diplomat based in Nairobi.

"They may not know what it means, but they know that they are unhappy and that what they've got hasn't worked," said the diplomat, who spoke on condition he not be identified further.

Rising food prices, skyrocketing debt, swelling populations and steady economic decline have added fuel to the political climate.

In Zambia, a failed coup on July 1 followed five days of the worst urban violence in the nation's history. At least 23 people were killed in student riots over food price increases.

The students also demanded Western-style democracy and the ouster of President Kenneth Kaunda, who leads the United National Independence Party, since 1972 the only legal political movement in the Southern African

political situation is less promising.

Multiparty elections held May 20 were generally fair, but were preceded by campaign violence unequalled in the region. Many Romanians still fear and distrust the victorious National Salvation Front, whose leaders they consider communists.

In a country unused to even a trace of freedom, the meeting of basic needs appears to be reason for economic contentment. The

long fatigues of history — the institutional neglect and political disrespect for what we know as the rule of law.

What is really missing is what might be called a "legal culture." Time and again, for example, we found an almost naive belief that all that was needed was to pass the correct statutes, to get the right laws on the books to create a "rule of law." We did our best to try to disabuse them of this legalistic and somewhat simplistic notion. Laws on the books, we explained, must be conscientiously obeyed and impartially enforced within a structure, and through a process, recognised and acknowledged by all lawyers. Yes, but so was Lenin.

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Kenya dropped a Marxist-Leninist style of government late last year and adopted political pluralism.

Paul Biya, Cameroon's president, came to power in 1983 promising more democracy, but his government has cracked down on advocates of pluralism since February.

Six people were killed at a pro-democracy rally and authorities arrested 10 prominent citizens who tried to form an alternative party to his Democratic Rally of the Cameroonian People.

Kenya's President, Daniel Arap Moi, appears to be following the Cameroonian model.

His government has arrested and charged more than 1,400 people in connection with the riots and threats continued use of force against pro-democracy demonstrators. Seventeen people have been detained without charge, including the most prominent advocates of multiparty politics.

Kenya

Moi, who has governed Kenya since 1978, contends political pluralism would result in tribal-based parties, ethnic divisions and even warfare among Kenya's approximately 40 tribes.

A constitutional amendment in 1982 declared the Kenyan African National Union the only legal political organization, formalizing a situation that had existed since the last opposition party was banned in 1969.

This year, a loose alliance of politicians, lawyers and church leaders began demanding reform on grounds the one-party system had led to corruption, election rigging and increasingly authoritarian rule.

Signs of economic distress accompany the pressure for reform.

Kenya has experienced steady growth since independence in 1963, but recent gains have been connected to foreign aid, now almost one-third of the budget, and tourism, sure to be slowed by the turmoil.

It has had to suspend payments of all but interest on the \$10-billion debt. An estimated 60 per cent of industry is unprofitable and unemployment is growing.

Nowhere does the connection between economic and political problems seem so clear as in Poland, where the Solidarity-led government of Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki won partially free elections more than a year ago.

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That, of course, admits the ubiquitous spectre of party tyranny. Attempts are being made to toss this offensive language off the train by the new thinkers. But it's not litter down the tracks of history yet. And still to come is the real test as to whether the Soviet courts themselves can and will act to protect the people's rights.

True reform must reach down into the legal culture itself, and create an inherent respect not only for individual rights, but for legal procedure and due process. In 1979, when I visited the Soviet Union as a state governor, I found each official session invariably opened with an almost obligatory denunciation of the United States and our system of government.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Kuwait hopes quota increase in October

Ameeri denies pledge on oil output cut

KUWAIT, July 16. (AP): Kuwait's oil minister was quoted today as saying Kuwait's demand for a higher oil production quota will be considered by Opec in October if prices have recovered by then.

In an interview in a local daily Rashid Salim Al Ameeri said this was agreed last week by the oil ministers of the five Arab Opec members during their meeting in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Overproduction above Opec-set quotas in recent months have contributed to a world oil glut and a drop to \$14 per barrel from the \$18

per barrel "benchmark price" set by the oil cartel.

Prospects for an improvement in oil prices brightened considerably after the Jeddah meeting during which Kuwait and the UAE agreed to respect the quota system.

This happened after the UAE's quota of 1,095 barrels per day was raised to 1.5 million barrels a day, the same as Kuwait's.

The other three Arab members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries at Jeddah were Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Qatar.

Ameeri said Kuwait's agreement at Jeddah to postpone consideration of its demand for a quota increase until October, instead of at the next Opec meeting on July 25, was "a new sacrifice."

He added this was done "in order to restore stability to the world oil markets and protect the interests of all 13 Opec member states."

But Ameeri denied reports that Kuwait pledged in Jeddah to cut output by 500,000 bpd, saying its production had never reached the two million bpd that would warrant such action.

Ameeri said Kuwait would fulfill all contracts and could resort to purchasing oil from world markets if its 1.5 million barrel per day production limit was insufficient to meet demand by the oil refineries it operates in Europe.

He disclosed that Kuwait had bought crude oil from unidentified Arab states early this month for this purpose.

He added that Kuwait's spot sales were completely stopped because of its production limitations.

He said he was optimistic that all Opec members would respect their quotas.

"This will lead to maintaining the oil prices over \$18 per barrel, paving the way for raising the overall Opec production level next October," he added.

Ameeri, appointed oil minister last month, said an increase from Kuwait's present quota of 1.5 million barrels per day (Opec) would be part of a higher overall production ceiling to be set once the present oil glut was mopped up and prices had firm.

■ Al Ameeri received at his office at the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation today Sheikh Salman Al Duaij Al Sabah, Opec Secretary-General Abdul Aziz Al Turki, Justice Undersecretary Abdul Aziz Al Dakheel, National Council member Jaser Al Jasser and Dean of the Kuwait University's Dr Khaled Al Saad.

An authoritative source at the Oman Ministry of Oil and minerals today said the Sultanate will suspend plans to increase its oil production to support Opec efforts aimed at bringing up oil prices to \$18 per barrel, Radio Muscat reported.

Egyptian, Lankan trade talks

COLOMBO, July 16. (Kuna): Sri Lanka-Egypt joint committee on trade commenced two days of official talks today in Colombo at the island's ministry of trade and commerce, official sources said.

Egypt is the single largest buyers of Sri Lanka's tea. These talks under the joint committee are important both for Egypt and Sri Lanka, the sources said.

The exchange of commodities between the two countries was the main feature in the first day of the talks.

Currently Sri Lanka imports crude oil, ground rock phosphate and pharmaceutical products from Egypt and the Egyptian delegation showed special interest in selling more crude oil, transport equipment and pharmaceuticals while the Sri Lankan delegation expressed its willingness in selling coconut oil and rubber to Egypt.

The proposed maritime transport agreement between the two countries was also another subject discussed.

Another matter for discussion during the session was Sri Lanka's participation in the Cairo international trade fair.

Sheikh Salem to visit Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, July 16. (Kuna): The governor of Kuwait's Central Bank, Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah will arrive here tomorrow for a three-day official visit to Malaysia.

Sheikh Salem, who is now in Singapore for a short visit to the island republic, will hold discussions with the governor of Bank Negara (Malaysia's central bank) Jaafar Hussein during his stay here.

Bush boosts budget deficit

Forcing spending cuts

WASHINGTON, July 16. (AP): President George Bush's administration today dramatically boosted its official estimate of the fiscal 1991 budget deficit to \$168.8 billion, two-thirds higher than its forecast just six months ago.

The increase could force automatic spending cuts of over \$100 billion if Congress and the administration don't agree on a package of spending reductions and tax increases.

Today's estimate did not even include the costs of bailing out the savings and loan industry. When those costs are included, the deficit for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1 climbs to \$231.4 billion, the White House said in its official mid-session review of the budget.

The administration's new forecast is far higher than the \$100.5 billion deficit estimate included in the president's budget when it was released last January.

It is also significantly higher than the \$64-billion deficit target set by the Gramm-Rudman balanced budget law.

If Congress is unable to reduce the deficit to within \$10 billion of the \$64 billion, it triggers across-the-board spending cuts.

Along with its new deficit estimate, the administration included dire warnings of what could happen if the current budget negotiations between Congress and the administration fail and the across-the-board cuts are triggered.

White House budget director Richard Darman called across-the-board cuts of more than \$100 billion unprecedented in their magnitude and "highly disruptive" to a host of government programmes.

Darman said such a reductions would require a 38.4 per cent in non-defence spending and cuts of between 25.1 percent and 43.3 per cent in military programmes. Social security and some other entitlement programmes are exempt from Gramm-Rudman cuts, forcing even sharper reductions in other programmes.

Darman said that the Gramm-Rudman cuts would force major cutbacks in air traffic control operations, increasing delays for air passengers by 400 per cent to 600 per cent. The cuts would also require a 40 per cent cut in the head start programme affecting 200,000 4-year-olds and sharply curtailing other government programmes ranging from poultry and meat inspections to cleanup of superfund toxic waste sites.

"If the summit negotiation fails these effects are exactly what we will face in the fall," Darman told a crowded news conference.

The administration's new estimates make it highly likely that the Gramm-Rudman law will have to be at least modified, giving the size of the savings needed to reach a \$64-billion target. Both the administration and Congress have been discussing spending cuts and tax increases in a range of between \$50 billion and \$60 billion, about half of what would be needed with the new estimates.

By emphasising a deficit figure that did not include the savings

and loan bailout, the administration seemed to be laying the groundwork for removing this giant expenditure from the Gramm-Rudman calculations, something that many members of Congress have also proposed.

The administration blamed the sharp deterioration in the deficit from January until now on the higher-than-expected savings and loans bailout and weaker economic growth, which cuts into government revenues, and higher interest rates, which raise the cost to the government of paying for the \$3 trillion national debt.

The administration actually included three deficit estimates in its mid-term review. In addition to the \$231.4 billion with the savings and loans bailout included and the \$168.8 billion excluding savings and loans, the administration cited an even lower \$148.4-billion deficit which excluded food stamp costs because the programme technically expires this year.

The mid-session budget review lowered projected economic growth from 2.6 per cent down to 2.2 per cent, more in line with what private forecasters are predicting.

It projected a 4.8 per cent rise in consumer prices this year, matching last year's inflation increase, but up from the administration's estimate of a lower inflation figure of 4.4 per cent.

It raised the government's cost of borrowing short-term by a full percentage point to 7.7 per cent.

"The January budget had assumed that interest rates would start to decline steadily this year. Instead, rates rose through early spring," the report noted.

"The mid-session review assumes interest rates will remain around current levels during the second half of this year and then move progressively lower during the following five years as inflation and the federal deficit are reduced."

Both Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady and Michael Boskin, chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisors, said that the administration's interest rate forecast depended on the Federal Reserve easing up on its tight-credit stance.

The oil product market received another strong boost on Friday following the announcement by the United Arab Emirates that it was reducing production immediately by 400,000 bpd.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange (Nymex), unleaded gasoline for August delivery soared by 1.38 cents to 61.95 cents a gallon, a rise of 6.54 cents on the week, while heating oil ended the day 1.17 cents higher at 54.21 cents, up 4.76 cents on the week.

The consensus prevailing among oil traders is that oil prices will correct their downward course of late to reach about \$20 a barrel within the next one or two weeks following a series of pre-conference moves by almost all Opec member countries, it is reported in Vienna today.

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While balking at providing the Soviet Union with cash grants or loans, agreed at the economic summit of industrial nations in Houston this past week to provide the technical assistance. The International Monetary Fund also will study the Soviet economy.

The Soviet Union, which has not received US foreign aid since the United States gave it a small sum of post-war relief in the 1940s, is the latest country to be added to the list of more than 80 nations that receive American help.

Since the aid programme was started in the wake of World War II, the United States has spent more

than \$212 billion helping about half the world's countries.

"A lot of people think they're going to pass atom bomb secrets, but it's really rather mundane things like how to dry wheat before you store it so it doesn't rot," Curtis Jackson of the Agency for International Development said in an interview last week.

The US programme includes both technical assistance — the limited type of help the Soviet Union will get — and also direct economic aid for housing agriculture and health projects. This year's budget is \$7 billion.

American expertise to be exported to Soviet Union on a limited basis

WASHINGTON, July 16. (AP): American expertise that developed fly-resistant wheat in Morocco, taught Tunisia about banking and brought down Bangladesh's fertility rate will now be exported on a limited basis to the Soviet Union, government officials say.

The Soviet Union, which has not received US foreign aid since the United States gave it a small sum of post-war relief in the 1940s, is the latest country to be added to the list of more than 80 nations that receive American help.

The administration of President George Bush,

while balking at providing the Soviet Union with cash grants or loans, agreed at the economic summit of industrial nations in Houston this past week to provide the technical assistance. The International Monetary Fund also will study the Soviet economy.

Under the US aid programme experts — often times college professors or consultants from private industry — travel to developing and middle-income countries to help with problems ranging from farming to family planning to nutrition and health.

Since the aid programme was started in the wake of World War II, the United States has spent more



Trading signals

Stock brokers, wearing various facial expressions, wave hand signals with their trading indications as they crowd around a counter on the Tokyo Stock Exchange floor yesterday. Stocks rose 377.36 points to 33,021.73, the first close above the 33,000-point level in over five weeks. (Reuter wirephoto)

WB spells out steps

Poverty remains formidable: Conable



VIENNA, July 16. (Opecma): World Bank President Barber Conable claims that the hurdles to be overcome in decreasing poverty throughout the world remain formidable.

In a foreword to the bank's world development report for 1990, which appeared in the Arab Times yesterday, he says the problems of the poor in sub-Saharan Africa are especially daunting.

He points out that the key measures for combating poverty are known and the resources to support such an effort are there to be mobilised.

He maintains that controlling the number of poor in sub-Saharan Africa until population growth can be brought under control and reducing the number elsewhere by 400 million are feasible goals for the century's end.

"The main obstacle is not the availability of resources, but the willingness of governments in both developing and developed countries to commit themselves to these goals," he affirms.

Conable stresses that for the large numbers of poor living in some countries of Latin America and most sub-Saharan African states, the 1980s was "a lost decade."

In 1935, he says, almost one-third of the total population of the developing world, was living on less than \$370 per capita annually.

In that same year, life expectancy in the developed world was 76 years, compared with 50 years for sub-Saharan Africa and 56 years for South Asia.

He points out that some countries were close to achieving universal enrolment in primary education five years ago, but in sub-Saharan Africa the net figure was 36 per cent and 75 per cent in South Africa.

The World Bank head notes that women often constitute a deprived group, even among the poor. In most areas literacy rates and wages are much lower for women than for men, and access to social services and employment is more difficult.

"The plight of poor women is troubling in itself. It is even more troubling because the health and education of mothers greatly influence the well-being and future of their children," he says.

Conable affirms that although domestic policy is critical to the reduction of poverty, international assistance is needed to support countries' efforts.

"Simply increasing resources, however, will not solve the problem. Aid is most effective when it complements the recipients' efforts," he states.

Retail sales plunge 9.9pc

LONDON, July 16. (Reuters): British retail sales fell by 2.8 per cent in June, the biggest drop for more than a decade and the clearest indication to date that consumers are feeling the pinch of the government's high interest rate policy.

Figures released by the Central Statistical Office (CSO) today showed the provisional, seasonally adjusted sales figure for June was the largest fall since 1979, when the retail sales index dropped 9.9 per cent after Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government presented its first budget.

The June fall, which the CSO said appeared to affect all levels of business, compared with a rise of 1.4 per cent in May.

Financial markets had forecast a drop of 0.8 per cent. The pound sterling was unchanged and share prices rose on the news before steady.

Jordan bank hits transfer problem

AMMAN, July 16. (Reuters): A transfer of deposits from Jordan's Petra Bank, once one of the country's main commercial banks and now in de facto liquidation, is likely to be delayed for several days, bankers said today.

They said the transfer of 130 million dinars (\$195 million) to the Housing Bank, ordered by the government on Wednesday and due to be completed before July 21, would take at least five extra days for technical reasons.

Local newspapers quoted central bank Governor Mohammed Said Al-Nabulsi as saying arrangements had been made to meet urgent needs of Petra account holders before the transfer is complete. They will then operate their accounts through the Housing Bank.

In August 1989 the government sacked Petra's Iraqi chairman and principal shareholder Ahmed Chalabi, who fled the country. He has denied government allegations of fraud and embezzlement.

Bankers say the central bank then pumped in 250 million dinars (\$370 million) to keep Petra Bank afloat, but decided this month to close it. Petra said its 1989 operational losses were 12 million dinars (\$18 million).

The government this week named a committee to run the small Jordan Gulf Bank, which it earlier said would merge with Petra.

The central bank has guaranteed Petra account-holders' deposits and said it will take care of the interests of the bank's 700 employees. Some employees have threatened to go on hunger strike if the Housing Bank fails to give them jobs.

Firms 'in red' to be privatised

LONDON, July 16. (Reuters): Sudanese leader General Omar Hassan Al Bashir said in remarks published today that Khartoum would privatise loss-making state-owned companies but would guarantee workers' jobs.

He said he was satisfied with his military government's progress in tackling Sudan's cash-strapped economy, crippled by civil war, drought, flood and famine.

Bashir swept to power in a bloodless coup a year ago.

"We have indeed decided to get rid of all loss-making public sector companies," he told the London-based Asharq Al Awsat newspaper in an interview.

"But it is not true that we as the state will get rid of facilities such as the railway and the port," he said. The country's main port is Port Sudan on the Red Sea.

"We will evaluate everything we have scientifically, and if something is losing money we will offer it to the private sector," he said.

The companies would be sold according to a special policy in which the state retains its rights and its workers their rights so that

Portugal's key firms to be home controlled

LISBON, July 16. (Reuters) - Portugal may let foreigners have a bigger stake in its industrial privatisation programme, but is determined to keep "strategic" companies in Portuguese hands, a senior Finance Ministry official says.

Eduardo da Costa, secretary of state for finance, told Reuters in an interview Portuguese groups had yet to consolidate enough to be able to compete unprotected with investors from abroad.

The centre-right government has sold off a brewer, a newspaper and 49 per cent each of a major bank and two insurance companies since April, 1989, netting a total of 70 billion escudos (\$485 million at the current exchange rate). Limits of 10 or 20 per cent of total equity were set for non-residents in each case.

Da Costa said the government would continue to set such limits on a case-by-case basis.

"These limits will be in inverse proportion to the importance of the companies to be privatised. The foreigners will be able to have 20 per cent, 10 per cent, 30 per cent, 40 per cent," he said.

"We are more concerned about those companies which have not only a strategic importance, but also a strategic image," he added. He cited Banco Portugues do Atlantico EP (BPA) and Cimentos de Portugal EP (Cimpor) as examples.

"These are companies which are 'bred in the bones' and whose control it is politically important to have secured by Portuguese," he said.

Despite the restrictions on foreigners, the government's privatisation policy has already come under fire from Pedro Ferraz da Costa, who heads Portugal's club of industrialists, the Confederacao da Industria Portuguesa.

Da Costa said in a speech earlier this month that Portuguese were being outbid by better-placed foreigners, who were taking over important chunks of industry. Portuguese were losing control of their own destiny, he said.

He said foreign investment in the programme was essential, healthy and fundamental for the development of Portugal, which has recently pulled itself ahead of Greece, which now holds the title of the European Community's poorest member.

But he added: "If foreign investment comes to Portugal with a view to dominating the public companies to be privatised, they will not be much welcomed by the government. If they come in partnership with Portuguese companies, they will be welcomed."

The programme continues with a further 31 per cent stake in Banco Totta e Acores SA, to be completed by July 31, with foreigners restricted to 10 per cent of total capital.

Fifty-one per cent of the small shipping firm Transportes Maritimos Insulares SA (Transinsular) goes on sale on August 6 followed by insurers Compania de Seguros SA Tranquillidade and brewers Central de Cervejas EP (Centraal).

One-third of BPA, Portugal's biggest bank, will go on sale later this year. Privatisation of cement maker Cimpor is also due to begin this year, in principle. Da Costa said. Beyond that the timetable is still undecided.

Panelists also shared the view

Japan likely to resume China loan package

BEIJING, July 16. (AP) - Japanese Deputy Foreign Minister Hisashi Owada arrived in Beijing today to brief Chinese leaders on the recent economic summit.

At the Houston summit last week, the seven industrialised powers agreed to continue sanctions imposed against China after the bloody army attack on pro-democracy protesters, but said expanding World Bank loans would be explored.

However, the summit leaders allowed Japan to resume lending to China, although they did not endorse such a move.

Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu said last week that withholding assistance and isolating China would not be conducive to regional peace.

But he also promised to tell Chinese leaders that leaders of the Group of Seven — the United States, France, Italy, Germany, Canada, Japan and

Britain — are urging more reforms for China.

Premier Li Peng last week called Japan's willingness to resume loans "a positive attitude" and expressed the Chinese government's appreciation.

During his two-day visit, Owada will meet with Foreign Minister Qian Qichen and the Deputy Foreign Minister in Charge of Asian Affairs, Qi Haiyan, the Japanese embassy said.

Owada, who met with Qian in the

spring during an annual meeting of foreign service personnel, is the highest-ranking Japanese official to visit since China crushed last year's democracy movement.

However, Japanese embassy spokesman Yuji Kumamaru said the visit does not mark the resumption of high-level contacts suspended after last year's army crackdown on student protesters in Tiananmen Square.

The officials said Owada will tell

Chinese officials Japan will gradually release the yen loans, starting with untied loans and those aimed at improving the public welfare.

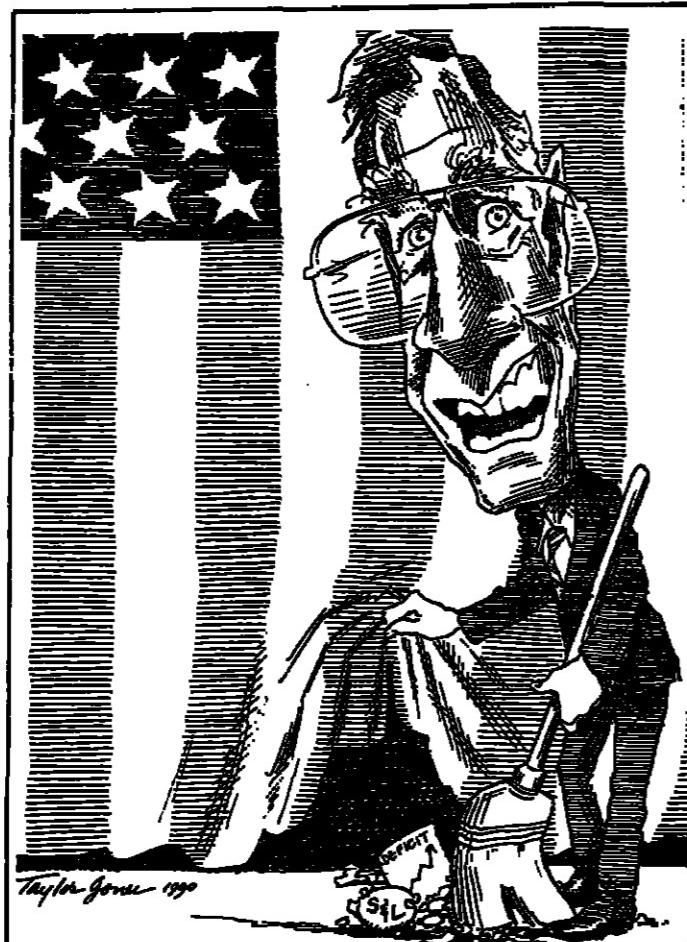
Japan agreed to provide \$10 billion yen (\$5.4 billion) in package loans to China over a 1990-95 period to help finance various development projects. The pledge was made by former prime minister Noboru Takeshita in 1988 when he visited Beijing.

The officials said Owada will also

urge Chinese officials to step up efforts for democratisation of the country and pledge Japan's support for China's economic reform and open-door policies.

Owada is the highest ranking Japanese government official to visit China since the Tiananmen massacre.

The Japanese government plans to resume extending loans to China toward the end of this year or early next year, local news reports said.



Ecosoc sees negative effect

East Europe transition

GENEVA, July 16. (Kuna): The short-term impact of the transition process in Eastern Europe and the demands made on worldwide resources will be negative for developing countries as a whole, C. Ghare Khan, president of the Economic and Social Council (Ecosoc) said today.

Briefing journalists on the highlights of a day-long informal discussion last week on the impact the transition of centrally planned economies into a market one will have on developing countries, Ghare Khan said that while there was consensus among the panelists about the unhealthy short-term impact, the prospects were brighter concerning the medium to long-term.

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The president pointed out that yet another important suggestion, which could reassure developing countries, was that the industrialised countries should have separate budget heads for their assistance to Eastern and Central Europe.

The president said the discussion had laid the groundwork for a high level two-day meet next year during the Ecosoc session on the same subject — entailing a more in-depth discussion.

Panelists also shared the view

that in the short to medium term, interest rates would rise as there would be a greater competition for global savings. And, this would add to the debt burden of the developing countries.

Therefore, there is an imperative need to deal with the debt problem in a realistic and meaningful way, Ghare Khan observed.

Commenting on some of the concrete suggestions made, the Ecosoc president said a medium term projection of the needs of the developing countries should be made to assure them that the unfinished task of development has not been forgotten.

The draft law also would end many national rules requiring insurance companies to invest their assets in certain ways. For example, Belgian insurers now must invest in government bonds.

The law would also give foreign insurers with a subsidiary in the EC the same right to a single passport.

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Japanese hotel in NY

Yaohan lures customers

EDGEWATER, New Jersey, July 16. (UPI) - Already a successful Japanese grocer in the New York area, the Yaohan supermarket chain is aiming to lure more customers by building a luxury Japanese-style hotel in this Manhattan suburb.

To be completed in 1993, the hotel Yaohan's first will have 200 guest rooms covered with "tatami" straw mats, in a huge bathtub made of Canadian cedar, up to 100 guests will be able to gaze across the Hudson River at Manhattan's spectacular skyline.

The traditional Japanese bath is the main feature of the hotel, which the huge Japanese retail group plans to build to broaden its business scope.

"The hotel is a core project for Yaohan's bid to grow into a 'borderless company' and contribute to the development of the local community," Kazuo Wada, the 61-year-old chairman of Yaohan, said in an interview with United Press International.

The company believes the hotel will lure tourists as well as New York-area Japanese residents looking for a weekend getaway.

With the planned expansion, Yaohan will shift its emphasis from the sale of Japanese food and products to "the creation of Japanese lifestyle in the local community," Wada said.

Born as a family-owned green grocer, Yaohan currently operates 22 shopping centres in seven countries outside of Japan, including six centres in the United States.

Wada's mother, Katsu and late father, Ryohei, opened a grocery store in a small resort town in 1930. Katsu Wada, whose life story was the basis of a popular Japanese television drama in the 1980s.

holds the title of Yaohan's "supreme advisor."

Yaohan International Group, the holding company of Yaohan Department Store Co. and its Japanese and overseas affiliates, projects annual sales of \$1.6 billion in the current business year — and sales of \$6.5 billion by 1997.

The Edgewater Store — teeming with such Japanese staples as sashimi, sushi, soy beans, rice cakes and bean curd — currently brings in between \$40 million and \$50 million a year, a spokesman said. Sales are growing about 30 per cent to 35 per cent a year.

The New York-area store accounts for 40 percent of the revenue generated by Yaohan's six stores in the United States, the spokesman said.

It opened in September 1988 as Yaohan's first outlet in the East, catering to Japanese and other Asian people living in and around New York. But the store also has aroused US interest in Japan and its culture.

An increasing number of US families shop on weekends at the New York store. Several groups of local elementary schoolchildren, guided by teachers, visited the Yaohan Plaza and tried Japanese meals at the store's prepared-food counter, Wada said.

"Initially, we expected Americans would account for 20 per cent of our customers, but actually, more than one-third are Americans," he said. "We are very much encouraged by the good response from American customers."

Wada views the Edgewater operation as a milestone in Yaohan's overseas activities, which had mainly been centred in Southeast Asia.

EC plans insurance changes

Bids to abolish limits on premiums firms can charge

BRUSSELS, July 16. (Reuters) - The European Commission is set to announce proposals on Wednesday to shake up the non-life sector of the EC's insurance industry and give insurers the means to operate on equal terms throughout the 12-nation bloc.

Barring last minute objections, the European Community's 12-member executive will give approval to the so-called Third Non-Life Directive, which is aimed at sweeping away a host of restrictions now imposed on insurance companies.

But the plan is likely to meet tough resistance from member countries as it makes its way through the EC's tortuous legislative process.

The proposed directive, which covers everything from health to property and

motor vehicles, would abolish limits on the premiums companies can charge for insurance, and the policy conditions they can set.

"Competition should be based on price, the nature of the product and the quality of service offered," Sir Leon Brittan, the free market advocate who is commissioner for financial services, told Belgian insurers earlier this year.

The proposal would force a radical change in several member states, especially West Germany, the world's third largest national insurance market.

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Adidas costs Tapie \$287m

Consortium to finance

PARIS, July 16. (UPI) - French financier Bernard Tapie said today he will pay 1.6 billion francs (\$287 million) to acquire 80 per cent of the West German sportswear company Adidas AG and said he will finance the operation through a capital increase and 1 billion francs (\$179 million) in medium-term loans.

A statement issued by Bernard Tapie Finance said the operation will be financed by a consortium of four French and four foreign banks led by Societe de Banque Occidentale, an affiliate of state-controlled Lyonnais.

Tapie believes the European insurance industry — the second largest in the world after the United States with premium income of \$349 billion in 1988 — needs an overhaul to prepare for competition with banks and securities firms after 1992, when the EC becomes a single market.

The European insurance industry has tended to lag behind other financial services in adapting to the new market.

Tapie intends to apply to insurance the "single passport" already agreed for banking. It gives a company licensed to operate in one EC country the right to work throughout the 12-nation bloc with or without a subsidiary.

The statement said Societe de Banque Occidentale will immediately pay the 1.6 billion franc (\$287 million) "in order to insure the smooth and immediate conclusion of the operation."

The draft law also would end many national rules requiring insurance companies to invest their assets in certain ways. For example, Belgian insurers now must invest in government bonds.

The law would also give foreign insurers with a subsidiary in the EC the same right to a single passport.

The directive, to be followed later this year by a companion law on life insurance, is the third attempt by the commission to break open the non-life market.

Financial analysts were surprised at the low cost of the acquisition, which many newspapers and economic experts had previously estimated at between 2 and 3 billion francs (\$359 and \$539 million).

"Adidas is not a company that is doing well today," Tapie said in an interview with Europe 1 radio. "Its current state is such that it could not have been sold for more."

The flamboyant financier, widely believed to have his eyes on the presidential Elysee Palace, added that the company, which

last year reported losses of about 100 Deutsche marks (\$60 million) on sales of 3.2 billion Deutsche marks (\$1.9 billion) to be restructuring if it is to become profitable again.

But the statement by Bernard Tapie Finance said no major layoffs or changes in the company's affiliates or industrial organisation would be made in the immediate future.

The statement added that Adidas' poor 1989 results resulting from excessive debt means that the company must find between 800,000 francs and one billion francs (\$143 and 179 million) in new financing during the next 12 months.

Tapie expects the company will make a modest 70 million to 80 million francs (\$12.5 to 14.3 million) profit this year.

The statement also said Tapie would not sell any of his affiliates to finance the operation, at least for the moment. There had been serious speculation in recent days that the French businessman would be forced to sell Tessut and Terraillon-Hanson.

The consortium of banks headed by Societe de Banque Occidentale includes the French Banque Nationale de Paris, Credit Agricole and the Banque du Phenix, an affiliate of the nationalised insurer assurances Generales de France.

The two Japanese banks are the Bank of Tokyo and long term credit Bank of Japan. The two West German banks that make up the group, Bayerische Vereinsbank and Bayerische Hypo- und Wechsel, have been associated with Adidas for several years.

Business briefs

ACC central bankers to meet: The governors of the central banks at the Arab Co-operation Council member states will convene on Tuesday their first meeting to discuss a work paper prepared by the ACC secretariat to establish a joint bank.

The bank aims at achieving trade and production integration among Egypt, Jordan, Iraq and Yemen, the ACC members, in a step to strengthen economic co-operation.

ACC Secretary-General Dr Helmut Nimmer in a statement in Amman on Sunday said that the four governors will study work papers prepared by the Jordanian and Iraqi Central Banks on arrangements to settle clearings among ACC to develop trade exchange. (Kuna)

Record high sales: Japan's top two automakers, Toyota Motor Corp. and Nissan Motor Co., reported Monday their domestic vehicle sales in the first half of 1990 set record highs, fuelled by brisk consumer demand, but exports remained sluggish.

Toyota said domestic sales of cars and commercial vehicles hit a half-year record of 1,285,549 units, up 14.4 per cent over a year ago. Passenger cars sold 980,352 units, up 15.3 per cent, while commercial vehicle sales totalled 305,297 units, up 11.6 per cent.

Nissan said its sales also hit an all-time high of 732,453 units, up 11.8 per cent. They included 553,235 passenger cars, up 13.8 per cent, and 179,200 commercial vehicles, up 5.9 per cent.

What's new on Western TV

A drama comes to life for the weeping star of a new TV show

By Kate Saunders

TEAR-JERKING drama lurked behind the scenes of TV's newest soap opera, *Children's Ward*, for two of its young stars.

The cast of the Granada series was taken to a hospital for a dose of reality before filming began.

The visit was especially poignant for 16-year-old Kate Emma Davies because it reminded her of a tragedy in her own family.

Dark-haired, bubbly Kate went suddenly quiet as she told me: "I saw this tiny kid on a life-support machine in the intensive care ward. Nurses said she would probably never live to come off it."

"I burst out crying. It really brought back my own family's tragedy. My three-year-old sister Sarah died in hospital with cancer and a hole in her heart."

"I didn't really think about it until we went to the hospital and saw those babies in intensive care."

For Kate's friend and co-star, 16-year-old Jenny Luckcraft, the visit was also an emotional experience.

"The trip really did open my eyes," she confessed. "Some of the things we saw were so sad. I particularly remember a little boy on a drip, and a baby with a burned face."

"But none of those children were complaining. They could cope with things so much better than adults."

Despite the heartbreak, there was still a lot of fun and laughter as they filmed the programme, which looks likely to be a hit with TV audiences everywhere.

And for the two young actresses, the fun came mainly from their own friendship. And when they met unexpectedly at auditions for the series, there were shrieks of delight from them both. Amazingly, both were picked for the programme from more than 1,000 hopefuls.

Relaxing at Granada's studios in Manchester, petite Kate said: "Jenny and I have known each other for years. When we're together we never stop talking and giggling."

"We helped each other to identify with the characters we have to play in *Children's Ward*, and then we'd sneak off to eat cake in our lunch hour."

Fair-haired Jenny, in jeans, curled up on the nearby sofa, grinned and agreed: "But we weren't always a help to the producer. Sometimes we couldn't look at each other, in case we collapsed with the giggles."

Added Kate: "We were really worried at that audition because we seemed to be in competition. But now we've acted together, our friendship is much stronger. There's chemistry between us that I've never experienced in any other role."

Kate and Jenny's infectious enthusiasm spread to the whole cast of the TV drama. The result is an action-packed, humorous and tragic series which no punches and can be enjoyed both by children and adults.

Although the young actresses' hospital visit was disturbing, it also showed them the brighter side of life on a children's ward.

Jenny said: "The show is very much like what we saw in real life. Children run riot. The music is on loud and everyone's enjoying themselves. I was amazed on the ward by all the noise and children wheeling about on bikes and things."

The series aims to show that children have no reason to be afraid of hospital. Jenny, her cheerful face framed by wisps of fair hair, added: "I've never been a hospital patient but I don't think it's frightening at all. If I didn't have anything serious I don't think I should mind."

"My role as Keely, a young girl recovering from hepatitis, has taught me a lot. I've had a very secure home life, but Keely hasn't. She is really over the top, a bit of a tart."

"She's nothing like me, and I'm glad I can switch

off from her character!"

None of Jenny's family, who live in down-to-earth Oldham, on the north side of Manchester, are in showbiz — "except for one of Dad's aunts who was a Tiller chorus girl," laughs Jenny.

The bubbly young actress started her career at a local drama workshop. Although she is now just taking her "A level" exams at her ordinary school, Jenny already has a string of TV, radio and stage appearances under her belt.

Acting is a passion which takes up all her spare time. That is, when she is not window shopping or going to tea shops with her pal Kate!

Kate's acting credentials already include a starring role in the original West End cast of the kid gangster spoof *Bugsy Malone*, the TV mini-series *Queenie*, with Kirk Douglas, and the story series *Tales of the Unexpected* with Joss Ackland and Pauline Collins.

Both girls want to act full-time but first, Kate, whose father is a hairdresser, hopes to go to university and take a degree in French.

"I have a tutor for exams, and although I have to spend a lot of time in hotels around the country, I don't think I suffer too much," she said. "When I come home to Oldham, it's a great excuse for a mad night out with friends."

Chipped in Jenny: "Our friends don't treat us any differently because we're on TV. That's probably because we don't make a big thing about it."

"And we don't have any problems with boyfriends, either..."

"That's because we never have any," added Kate... sparkling off a joint burst of giggles, a story

When 16-year-old actress

Kate Emma Davies went to a hospital to research her new role in the series, *Children's Ward*, the heartbreaking past came flooding back. For Kate's three-year-old sister Sarah died of cancer in a real-life hospital war.

about "a gorgeous man on the train," and a dispute over who was better looking — a tennis player Ivan Lendl, or Marlon Brando.

But despite their mischievous sense of fun, the two girls are strictly professional when the cameras roll, or the curtain rises.

Jenny admitted: "I really had to think quite hard about getting Keely right."

"Every day before filming, Kate and I would discuss our characters, and carry on conversations as if we were really them."

"Kate plays a rather prim girl called Tiffany — so suddenly she'd switch from being herself into this really bolting girl..."

"Quite soon I began really to understand my character, Keely, and to think like her."

"I talked about Keely to Kate for so long, and gradually worked my way into her feelings, that suddenly in front of the cameras when the part needed it, the tears started rolling."

"I had bottled up everything as Keely so automatically I began to cry. And then I noticed that even the cameramen were crying."

But at Booth Hall Hospital, away from the studio, the tears were very real, when Jenny and Kate saw the suffering children.

Jenny told me: "It made me ashamed of moaning about trivial things, like having a cold or spots on my face."

Children's Ward has made two nice teen-age girls grow up. But despite the sad bits, they are still looking on the bright side.



Kate Emma Davies is Tiffany in *Children's Ward* Pictures by Nancy Knott

ENTERTAINMENT

Approb 'Who's Who' directory

THE Association of Pakistani Professionals and Businessmen (Approb) is planning to publish a "Who's Who" directory of prominent Pakistani professionals and businessmen resident in Kuwait by January 1991. The directory aims at providing information about all Pakistanis proficient and distinguished in their professions and businesses.

Data forms are available free of cost from Approb executive board members and other locations. For further details contact Approb on Tel. No. 2425315, Fax 5323751, P.O. Box 2351, Salmiya, 22024 Salma, Kuwait.

A copy of the directory will be given free of charge to all individuals whose names will appear in the directory.

Kapilku

July 19: Kapilku awards certificates of attendance to those who attended tailoring, book-keeping, basic accounts and basic computer courses. The ceremony will be held at Al Araliya Restaurant, 8 pm. Philippine Ambassador Mauryag Mohammad Tamano will be the chief guest. Buffet dinner, KD 3 per person. Proceeds will go towards the school fund.

Those who attended self-improvement classes are asked to contact Sarah Macarimbang, Tel: 4839009, 4839889, 4843447.

Summerbelle '90

Aug 2: United Goans Centre will hold Summerbelle '90 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent, Top Ranks and Hurricane Alley in attendance. For reservations call Tony 2612034; Cyril 2523930; Joe 5655140.

MUSIC

Sur Sangeet

July 19: A musical evening will be presented by Sur Sangeet group to say farewell to outgoing Indian Second Secretary S.M. Mathur. Singers participating in the show include Valencia, Rosebud, Laxmi, Charlie, Shahnawaz Karim.

Rock and Reggae

July 22: Let's Rock and Reggae, a concert with Steve Michael and the Afro Beat, will be held from 9pm at the Holiday Inn Hotel's Grand Ballroom.

Vocalist Sheryl Pereira will make a special appearance as a soloist and also join Steve in some duets.

Tina Mathews will perform a Reggae dance routine.

Reservations open: Tel: 2405648;

2476660; 5714340; 5721030.

Tickets also available from

special desk in Holiday Inn

lobby. The concert is being

organised and presented by

Phil Danielle. Early bookings

are advised due to limited seating.



Cinema

At the Meridian

La Brasserie: Thai Corner: Saturday night. Cowboy Night: Every Sunday, live country music.

Chinese Corner: Monday night feature.

Greek Taverna: Mediterranean magic with bouzouki music.

Indonesian corner: on Wednesdays; food prepared in front of you.

Jazz Night: New Orleans atmosphere on Thursday night.

Friday: Oriental luncheon buffet, family day.

Versailles: Business lunch; and a la carte dinner.

At the International

Failaka: situated on the 19th floor, overlooking the coastline, it offers international cuisine; live entertainment in the evenings. Closed on Fridays.

La Palma: offers buffet as well as a la carte. Family style brunch on Fridays.

Kei: offers Japanese dining in an oriental atmosphere.

La Patisserie: selection of snacks; pianist in the evenings.

La Waha: ice cream promotion featuring different flavours, until August 1990.

At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop: breakfast, lunch and dinner. Buffets featuring Continental and Oriental cuisine; emphasis on buffets.

Al Andalus Supper Club:

Arabic style dining on Thursdays; music by resident Arab band.

Friday Family Lunch: Disney Fantasy: children half price.

At the Messilah Beach

Al Mubarakiya: open around the clock; seafood promotion on Wednesdays, 7 pm; Fridays — Middle Eastern cuisine.

Al Jawharah: Thursday special — special menu; music by Rainbow Band.

Al Berdoweh: BBQ on

Thursday in beach-garden restaurant; Lebanese food.

At the SAS

Bistro: Sunday/Wednesday — pasta night; Italian music.

Peacock Room: Chinese cuisine; lunch and dinner.

Al Boom: Kuwaiti experience;

charcoal grilled food, plus mezze buffets.

Clock: snack bar — burgers,

french fries, etc.

At the Plaza

Al Dallah Coffee Shop: international cuisine; open buffet.

Al Firdous: Italian ambience and cuisine, particularly pasta.

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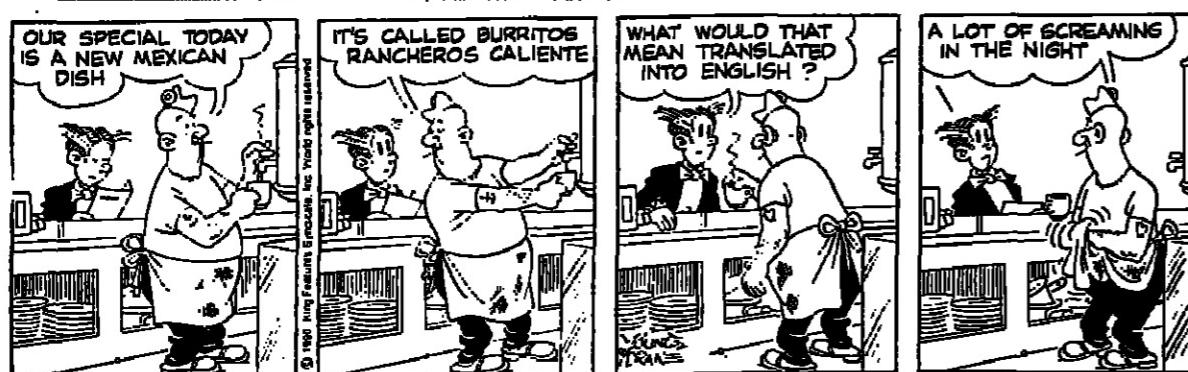
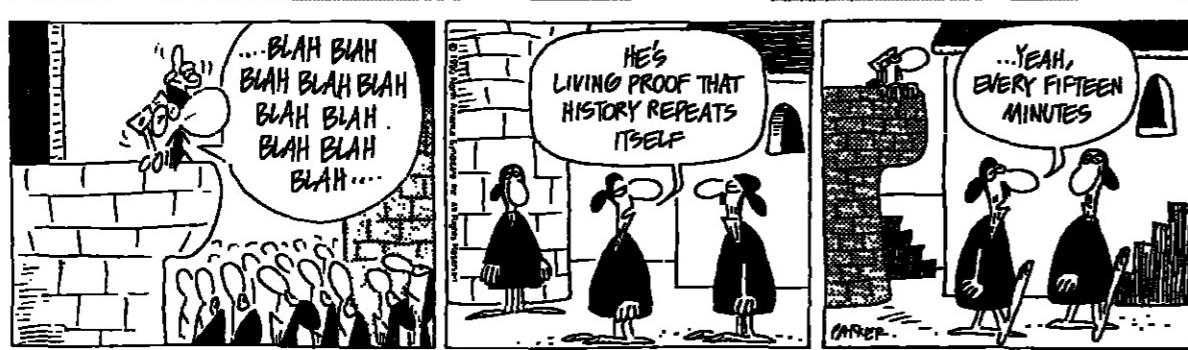
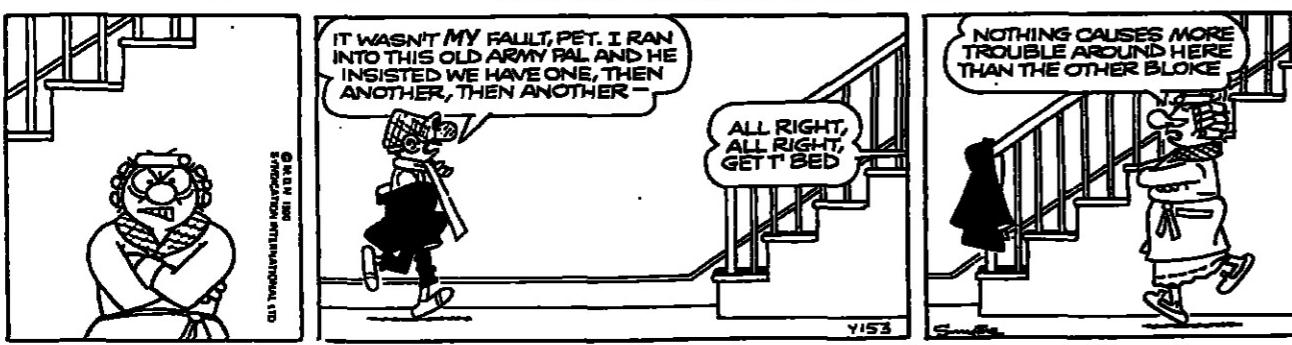
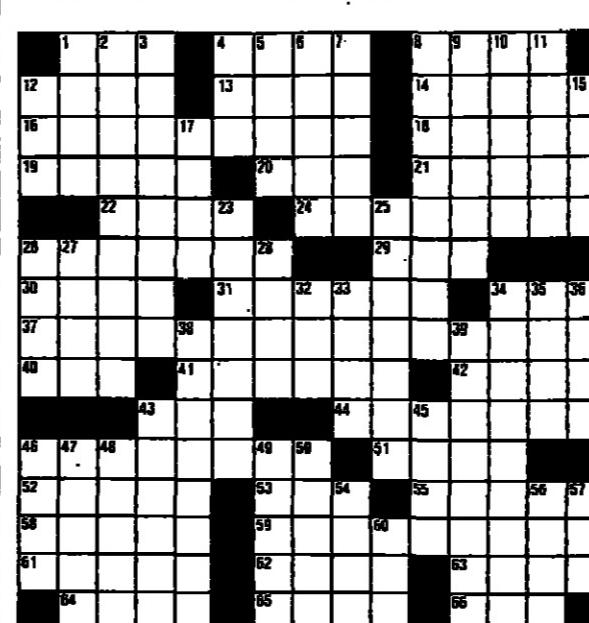
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MAKING THE MOST OF IT**

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
 ♠ A 8 7 4 2
 ♦ J 5 4 3
 ♣ A Q
 ♤ K 2

WEST
 ♠ Q J 10 9 3
 ♦ 6
 ♣ 10 5 4
 ♤ J 7 5 3

EAST
 ♠ K 6 5
 ♦ Q 10 9
 ♣ 9 8 6 2
 ♤ A 9 6

SOUTH
 ♠ Void
 ♦ A K 8 7 2
 ♣ K J 7 3
 ♤ Q 10 8 4

The bidding:

South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass
 6 ♦ Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♠
 One of the attractions of rubber bridge at a club is that you play with a variety of partners. That means you cannot employ sophisticated bidding methods, and sometimes you reach hair-raising contracts. Here's a typical example.

After South's one-heart opening bid, North saw that if opener had reasonably good hearts and key controls, slam was a possibility. However, with the methods North-

South were using, there was no simple way to uncover this information. North settled for a jump to five hearts, which requested South to bid a slam with good trumps. South obliged.

Had West led a club, there would have been no story to tell, but the queen of spades was a normal lead, given the auction. Declarer won in dummy and, since the slam would be no problem if trumps were 2-2, cashed the ace and king of trumps. When West showed out on the second round and the queen did not drop, declarer needed a magic distribution.

The ace and queen of diamonds were cleared and declarer returned to hand with a spade ruff to discard the table's two clubs on the king and jack of diamonds. Fortunately, East had to follow suit. Two club ruffs were sandwiched around a spade ruff, leaving declarer in dummy. There were 11 tricks in the bank—ace of spades, two high trumps, four diamonds, and four ruffs. When declarer now led a spade from the board, he could not be prevented from scoring the remaining trump *en passant* for the 12th trick.

ACROSS
 1 Military macaw
 4 Jack of "Dragnet"
 8 Quotes a raven
 12 Actor Baldwin
 13 Wings
 14 Loos or Louise
 16 Jury
 19 City on the Po
 20 R.R. stop
 21 Paragon
 22 "Ars amatoria" author
 24 Rocky
 25 Peaceful place
 29 Suffix in chemistry
 30 Sugar source
 31 Violin head
 34 Heaven haven
 37 Rocky
 40 Peg for Peete
 41 Industrialist Cyrus et al.
 42 "You — heard..." Jolson
 43 Starting syst.
 44 Wages, of a sort
 46 Rocky
 51 Pub quaffs
 52 Puny pups
 53 Alums-to-be
 55 Saunter
 58 "A House — a Home"
 59 Rocky
 61 Net
 62 Jacket style
 63 Actress Daly
 64 Prophet
 65 Court units
 66 Simple sugar

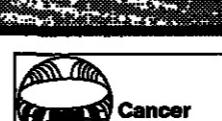
DOWN
 1 Baseball family name
 2 Go back
 3 Put on the roster
 4 Hell, to Sherman
 5 Yales
 6 Native of Africa
 7 Originated
 8 Flower heads
 9 Garland
 10 "A jug of — loaf of bread...."
 11 Home follower
 12 ABA member
 15 Confederate
 17 Author Begnold
 23 Aloof
 25 Central European region
 26 Touch
 27 Actor
 28 Figure for
 32 Vintage car
 33 — up (confesses)
 34 Stewards, on the Main
 35 Red Sox catcher
 36 Bohemian
 38 Place for cash
 39 " — your leader!"
 40 Vizcaya
 45 Dressed
 46 Like some Paris skies
 47 Tricks
 48 Allen's " — Hall"
 49 British —
 50 Heap
 54 Stage light
 56 Crescent
 57 Journal ending
 60 Electees

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

SLIED	MACHO	AJAR
LUXE	FIDER	VOLE
UNPAID	DBILL	ELEA
GEORGIA	PEARLER	
EEC	ATTY	
CAPSTAN	SNEEREED	
ACHT	LAMPS	DOLLE
STY	MAE	GEM
TESS	CERAM	DEC0
EDITORS	REPORTS	
CARE	TEN	
SLANTED	ERNESTS	
HOILD	PEEPINGTOM	
AGEE	ELVIS	ALAE
HYDE	REACT	LODE



"I sent my boy to study in Florida."

Aries
March 21 - April 19Cancer
June 21 - July 22Libra
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22Capricorn
Dec. 21 - Jan. 19Taurus
April 21 - May 20Leo
July 21 - Aug. 21Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 22Aquarius
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You should take care that you do not expose yourself to infection. There is a tendency to make mistakes and you should be on the lookout for them. You would do well to use a little more common sense. Be truthful.

Taurus

Everything will seem to be just a little too much for you and you will have to make an extra effort. There just is not time to linger over lunch or to have too long a chat just now. Until catch up your leisure will have to be curtailed. Be frank.

Gemini

You should not insist on having your own way to make a few concessions. Weigh up the alternatives carefully before choosing. If you show a little more goodwill towards others it will be noticed and appreciated. Be considerate.

Virgo

You will not be in the best of moods and should look to start off an argument. You are too inclined to jump to conclusions and take things for granted. Do not do anything that would obviously have a bad effect on your health. Be fair.

Sagittarius

The more you can rely on yourself the better it is just now. At the same time you should make sure you are not a burden to others. Have your own opinions by all means but do not try to force them upon others. Be methodical.

Avoid being too sedentary, it will do you good to go for fairly long walks. If you are feeling a little on the tired side try to ensure you get a good night sleep. There is nothing to be gained by feeling sorry for yourself. Be resolute.

Cancer

You should make sure you do not become involved in a matter that is of no real concern of yours. Your lucky numbers are 8 and 18. Rely more on commonsense and reason, less on intuition. Give other the benefit of any doubt. Be moderate.

Leo

You should do your best to deal with it instead of acting as though it did not exist. Try not to leave until later what you well know should be done now. Do your best to ensure you have enough room for manoeuvre. Be sensible.

Scorpio

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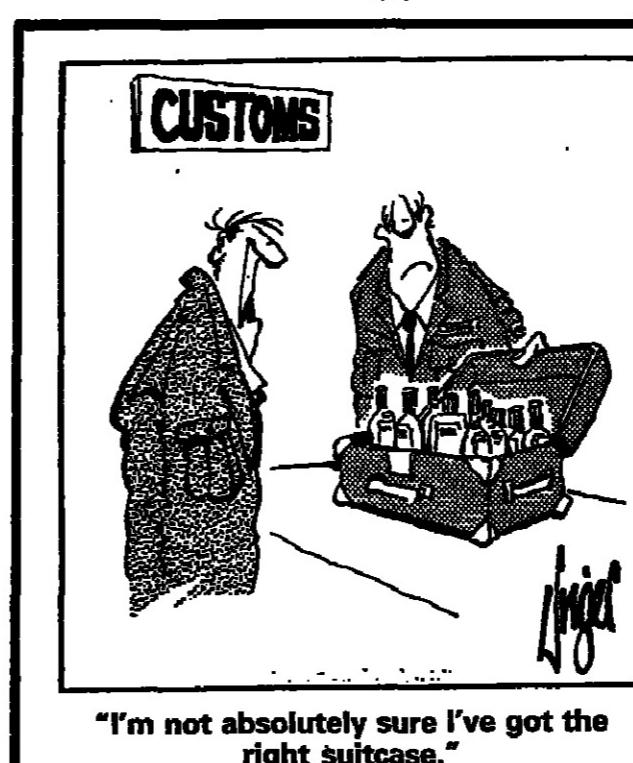
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Places

You should do your best to ensure your partner does not feel unloved or neglected. Avoid spending more than you can readily afford. If you have made a promise do keep it instead of trying to evade it. Be generous.

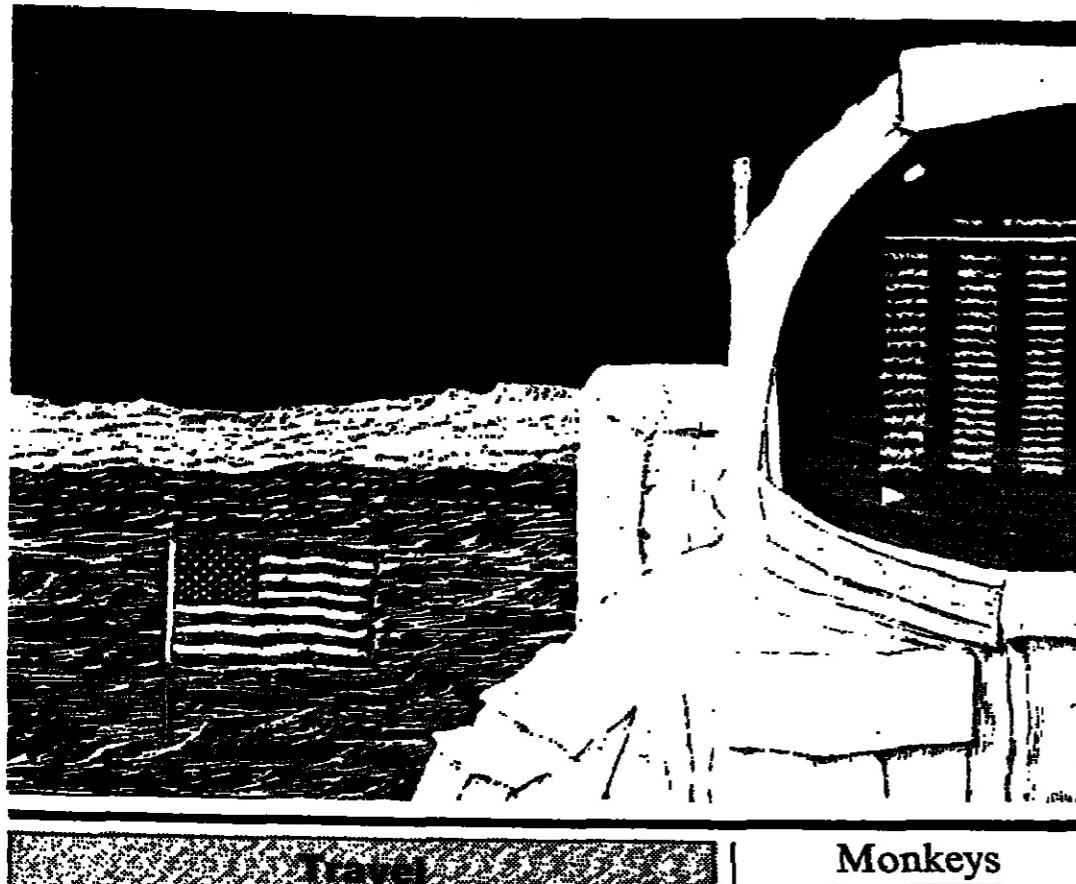


"I'm not absolutely sure I've got the right suitcase."



"Imagine you've got 12 of these babies and a burglar breaks in."

Man may never take the first step on Mars



Fearless robots expected to plant flags

By John Rhea

If an American flag is going to be planted on Mars by the year 2019, as President Bush recommended on May 11, it's likely to be a robot rather than a human that will do the planting.

"Thirty years from now, I believe man will stand on another planet," Bush told a commencement gathering at Texas A & I University, Kingsville, Texas, in an evocation of President Kennedy's famous challenge to land a man on the moon during the decade of the '60s. "I believe that before Apollo celebrates the 50th anniversary of its landing on the moon, the American flag should be planted on the manned Mars mission."

However, it is becoming increasingly doubtful that any human will ever step on the surface of the red planet—or any other extraterrestrial body except the moon.

The irony is that the space-age technology that is making exploration of the solar system possible is also making humans obsolete as the explorers. Astronauts and auto workers alike are being edged aside by the same competitor: the computer.

By the time even the Russians and Americans working together could get a crew of astronauts to Mars, computers will

be as much advanced beyond today's models as the space shuttle is beyond the Wright brother's flyer.

These incredible computers of the future which are being developed today mostly under military sponsorship, have compelling advantages over human explorers: They don't have to be fed, they don't need their own atmosphere, and they can cope with the psychological stress of prolonged isolation in space. Best of all, they work cheap—a lot cheaper than the \$500 billion price tag that NASA has put on the manned Mars mission.

But can the computers do the job? They certainly couldn't during the Apollo days, when the astronauts had to fly their spacecraft back from the moon manually because the total vocabulary of their onboard computers was only 39,000 words. Today's personal computers have the equivalent of 30 million words of memory and sell for about \$1,000.

The friction between manned and unmanned space projects has been endemic since President Eisenhower created NASA in 1958. The scientific value of the unmanned projects has had to be weighed against the publicity value of the more glamorous manned missions. While it's true, as one astronaut remarked, that

"nobody gives a ticker tape parade for a computer," it's also true that flags aren't lowered to half staff after the loss of a Mariner or Voyager unmanned spacecraft, as they were after the Challenger tragedy.

In less than 50 years the information processing power at the microchip level has grown exponentially, from one function per transistor in 1947 to 64 million in today's state-of-the-art memory chips.

Dr Robert Noyce, the inventor of the integrated circuit, estimated in 1983 that the US semi-conductor industry produced the equivalent of 100 trillion functions at a cost of a hundredth of a cent per function. "That number, 100 trillion, is equal to the number of synapses in the human brain," he noted. "If we were to continue to approximately double the number of elements produced each year by the semiconductor industry we would have produced the number in all human brains by about the year 2020."

There is no end in sight to this trend. As today's silicon-based electronics is superseded by more powerful materials such as gallium-arsenide—and later by photonics, in which photons rather than electrons process information even more efficiently—computers rivaling the human brain

will become commonplace.

This kind of machine intelligence embodied in robot-like devices is going to transform a lot of human activities, not just space exploration. The Pentagon is developing what is known as a "pilot's associate" to take over the routine functions of flying a fighter mission. The University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute is applying this technology to "intelligent vehicles" and "intelligent highways" that will make even the act of driving obsolete.

Although this may be hard to swallow for former Navy pilot George Bush, the evidence is becoming clear that automated systems can function better in such hazardous environments as the battlefields on Earth and the void of space.

Humans may never take that first step on Mars, but they will be ably represented by a race of fearless and diligent robots that can plant the flags of all the world's nations.

John Rhea, a free-lance writer in Woodstock, Va., has been writing about space since 1959. He is a former subcontractor on NASA's space shuttle programme and a life member of the Missile, Space and Range Pioneers.

Hiker's paradise

LENCOIS, Brazil. (Reuters) For a good view of Brazil's highest waterfall, lie flat on your stomach and ease your way along a rock that juts out over a dizzying, 1,300-foot (400-metre) drop.

Glass Fall come into view as a misty veil of water against the backdrop of a cliff so high that you can't see the bottom from your lofty perch.

Despite the spectacular setting, the waterfall in Brazil's northeastern state of Bahia has attracted few foreign tourists, probably because of its remoteness.

But the fall and the surroundings Chapada Diamantina National Park are all an adventurous hiker could desire.

Like most of Brazil's national parks, it is empty of tourists. In Brazil walking is still the mark of the eccentric and the national instinct is to spend holidays sunbathing on the country's beaches.

The Chapada Diamantina is well inland, some 240 miles (385 km) west of the Bahian capital, Salvador, in the heart of the "sertao," the dry backlands of the northeast. But in the Chapada itself the typical sertao landscape of scrub and cactus quickly gives way to a much, lusher land.

The region is a mix of meadow and mountain, plunging sandstone canyons and gentle rivers with wooded banks. Orchids dot the landscape and green parrots chatter in the trees.

The town of Lençois, which serves as entrance to the park, is a picturesque colonial-style settlement dating back to 1844, when prospectors discovered diamonds in the area.

The black diamonds of the Chapada Diamantina were highly prized in the 19th century by the world's civil engineers, who worked on heroic projects demanding a good deal of drilling.

"They say it was Lençois diamonds that were used for the building of the London underground and the Panama Canal," said Luiz Krug, a former graphics designer who now earns a living guiding visitors through the region.

Today prospectors still dig for diamonds within the confines of the 380,000-acre (152,000-hectare) park, although it is strictly illegal. In Lençois people speak of them almost in a whisper. Some prospectors, known as "garimpeiros" in Brazil, have a reputation for violence.

However, garimpeiros work in only a small part of the park and present no risk to the cautious tourist. The biggest hazard in the park is probably twisting your ankle in an armadillo's burrow.

From Lençois to the village of Capão, a day's walk, just follow the donkey droppings and you shouldn't go wrong. The path, paved with local stone for part of the way, takes the walker through a rich variety of scenery.

After winding up a hillside and then passing through a valley with cliffs on either side, you emerge in a grassy plain dominated by the majestic, 4,653-foot (1,395-metre) "Morro," literally the big mountain.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

Talk with doctor about hormone treatments

QUESTION: Although I'm able to cope with most of the feelings that come on with my hot flashes, they have been going on for more than two years now, and I'm beginning to wonder when this will all end. Is there a possibility you might include a simple answer for me in your column?

ANSWER: Like you, many women are forced to deal with one of the more distressing signs of menopause, the hot flash or flush. While some of the secrets of the "why's" and "how's" of this most uncomfortable symptom are not clear, a great deal is known, and I will try to tell it to you.

Not all women have severe or annoying episodes; for many, the event is mild and infrequent, lasting but a few moments. They occur during the day and disappear after a year or two. For others, however, the flashes can be most severe, lasting up to 10 minutes and striking as often as six times an hour. They may happen frequently at night, destroying sleep and provoking severe night sweats.

Statistics show that as many as 25 per cent to 50 per cent of all those who suffer with hot flashes may continue to have them for as long as five years. The flush, skin flush and perspiration are a result of a temporary imbalance of the system in the body that regulates the body's temperature. The hot flash attack begins in the hypothalamus, an organ lodged deep in with the brain, that is responsible for the temperature control of the body, and also monitors the level of estrogen (female hormone) that circulates in the blood.

When estrogen levels are low, it sends a message to the interior pituitary gland (using a chemical called gonadotropin releasing hormone). In turn the anterior pituitary gland sends a chemical messenger (this time it's called follicular stimulating hormone) to the ovaries to produce more estrogen. When the aging ovaries can not respond (or when the ovaries are missing because of surgery), the hypothalamus next releases a stimulant called free epinephrine, which spills over into the heat regulating area, and starts the reactions in both heart and skin that result in increased circulation and dilated blood vessels in the skin, creating all the sensations of a hot flash.

Even though the sensation may last a few minutes, it takes about half an hour for the body systems to return to normal. Over time, the body and all of the mechanisms that control the body temperature read just to the new lower levels of estrogen, and the attacks stop.

However, other complications that occur with reduced estrogen production, such as osteoporosis, cardiovascular disease and vaginal atrophy and drying, continue to progress overtime. Since the attacks vary in frequency and intensity from woman to woman, the consideration of possible treatment must remain an individual decision. Hormone replacement therapy can be used to diminish the symptoms, and will also be of considerable benefit in preventing or alleviating the other complications of menopause. All the pros and cons should be discussed with your physician. Hormone therapy can produce other annoying symptoms, such as weight gain, swelling, breakthrough bleeding, etc.

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Monkeys Pawned in the name of science

WASHINGTON, (Reuters) Will Augustus, Domitius and Big Boy soon meet their deaths after the tops of their skulls are lopped off and their brains repeatedly pierced by electrodes?

Or will the furry trio instead end up making monkeys of US, federal bureaucrats?

The three are members of the Silver Spring Six, a dwindling band of monkeys that were research subjects in a Silver Spring, Maryland, laboratory supported by the National Institute of Health (NIH) until their liberation in 1981.

Over the past decade, they have become pawns in an emotionally charged battle over the right of scientists to perform medical experiments with animals as subjects.

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It is important for all Americans to know that these attacks have the real potential to compromise medical research... and to stand in the way of significant medical breakthroughs," Sullivan said in a recent speech.

Whereas animal rights activists once raided research facilities or sneaked sympathizers into laboratories to publicize their cause, they are increasingly turning to traditional protests.

Among the most potent symbols of their movement have been the Silver Spring monkeys, of a type known as crab-eating macaques found in the Philippines.

They were among 17 monkeys freed by Montgomery County, Maryland, police in 1981 after a worker complained of their treatment there.

Five of the 17 have since died. One, Billy, was put to death in January and NIH experiment. Five have been given to the San Diego zoo and the remaining six are living at Tulane University's Delta Primate Centre in Convington, L.A.

Following a long legal battle, the NIH served notice last week that it planned to anaesthetise three of the remaining monkeys, perform one final experiment on them and then put them to death in a mercy killing.

NIH officials said the three were in constant pain due to residual effects of tests performed on them years ago.

But before killing them, researchers want one more test.

The activist ethical treatment of animals group wants the monkeys freed in a nature preserve to live their days in peace, but a federal court threw their lawsuit out on procedural grounds.

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Family seeks assistance

Hoffman helps 'Rainman' child

ACTOR Dustin Hoffman, who played an autistic patient in *Rainman*, has pledged to raise money in Hollywood to free a little boy from a twilight world.

For four-year-old John Weymouth is also autistic, and has never been able to speak a word. Mother Carol needs £36,000 to send him to a miracle-working clinic in Boston, America.

Remembering Dustin's brilliant performance in *Rainman*, she wrote to the superstar asking if he could help. Carol, aged 22, told Dustin in letter: "I'm desperate. Only this place in Boston can offer any hope for my little boy. Can you do anything for him?"

Then she told how John, who suffers from the mystery affliction Dustin researched for his role, became agonizingly frustrated when he couldn't communicate his feelings to the rest of the world.

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It was an out-of-this-world goal for Carol. She told me: "John's father, also called John, is a labourer and we could never dream of ever raising this amount by ourselves. And we have two other children — two-year-old Kerry and Mark, aged five months — to think of as well."

Carol started an amazing campaign to raise the money to allow her little son to escape from his *Rainman* world. Then she remembered seeing Dustin's Oscar-winning performance as an autistic sufferer.

She said: "I was moved by Dustin in that movie. It was the first time I'd ever seen autism depicted on screen. His portrayal was so accurate that I felt sure he would be sympathetic towards John."

"But I knew that a famous star like Dustin Hoffman would receive thousands of letters asking for help with appeals. That is why I was amazed when he picked mine out and replied."

"Dustin said he was busy working on the movie *Death of a Salesman*. But when the movie was finished in six months' time, he would be happy to raise money for John in the States. And Dustin said he wanted to meet John when we went to America."

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"This Japanese-run clinic teaches them to trust and communicate with other people. The children are given tasks to perform and made to feel part of a group in the eventual hope that they will no longer withdraw into themselves."

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Donations can be sent to: John Weymouth Appeal Fund, Barclays Bank Plc, 159 Stoke Newington High Street, London N16 OPD.



Svelte-is-out look

By Vernon Scott

HOLLYWOOD. (UPI): Actress Patrika Darbo has benefited mightily from the *Roseanne Barr* svelte-is-out look.

Carol and husband John's initial reaction was one of shock. She says: "We had both known that there was something wrong with John. But we thought that, whatever it was, was curable. We believed our son would be able to talk one day."

"Neither of us knew anything about autism and were told all about the mystery illness. The one thought that kept coming back to haunt us was 'what have we done to deserve this?'

"In fact, I thought it was a punishment from God. And, when John was two, I took him to the miracle shrine at Lourdes. I dipped him in the Holy Water, hoping that he would be cured."

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"The play and the movie have opened a lot of doors for me," she said. "There is big interest at the networks in putting me in a TV series, which I would love to do. Mel Brooks called to say he wants to do a movie

with me."

Darbo giggled and said she has beef compared to Roseanne, which amuses her.

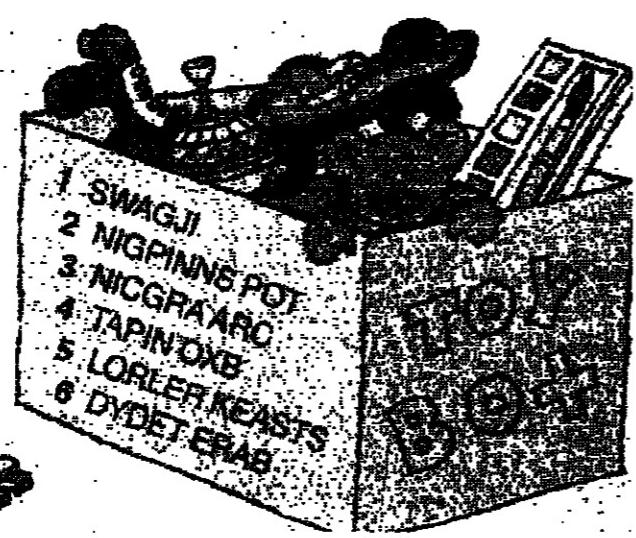
"The only thing that I can see is that we're both short, round women," she said.

"One of the things people notice about me in *Daddy's*... on stage

Toy trouble

The letters of these toys have got muddled up.

Can you sort them out and find the toys?

**Poems****When I was little**

When I was little
I always heard
eat up your greens
not just a third
pull up your socks
don't be ashamed
now I'm a mum
I say just the same.
Julie Hodgson

Joy of a grandchild

A grandchild can be a loveable boy,
Can fill up your life with countless joy,
Is ready to play any time of the day.
Has plenty to do, and lots more to say,
But when fast asleep that angelic face,
Makes it hard to believe of him in disgrace,
Like crushing up slugs and snails with his feet,
And feeding the dog with spiders to eat,
throwing a stone at next door's cat.
Cuddles at bedtime combats all that.
A goodnight kiss that melts your heart.
The look that says. I'm not a bad sort,
So off to bed till next time he'll say,
What are we doing grandma, today.
Dorothy Howell, UK.

Wordsearch
THAT'S A LAUGH

CARTOON	HILARIOUS
CLOWNISH	HUMOR
COMEDIAN	JEST
COMEDY	JOKES
FOOLISH	MERRY
FUNNY	MIRTH
GAG	PLAYFUL
GAETY	PRANK
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Dear Junior Readers,

If all of your friends have left Kuwait to spend their summer holidays in another country and you find yourself alone, there are many things you can do to avoid feeling lonely.

Kuwait has a number of bookshops which are rich with children's books. You can find books of all types: fiction, non-fiction, colouring books, puzzles, jokes, activity books, cooking books, sewing books and DIY books.

Reading is one of the best ways to spend time when you are alone. You can read

about many different types of people and many strange lands and animals. You will be able to learn about new experiences and how to deal with problems which may otherwise be a burden.

You can teach yourself how to sew, cook or make various ornaments around the house. Books are a grand treasure which should never be taken for granted.

Drawing and painting is another activity worth considering. You can draw, colour or paint for hours on end without getting bored. If you intend to paint though, make sure you cover the surface under the paper you are going to paint on with a thick sheet

of waste-paper or an old newspaper. You do not want mummy to get angry because you dirtied the dining room table, do you?

There are many things you can draw — your best friend, your bedroom, your pet, a sea shore, a park, a supermarket, your favourite food...anything! If you prefer designing, you can buy especially patterned paper which will help you achieve different designs by colouring the paper appropriately.

Video games, like Atari, and watching television/video are also nice pastimes, however, do not invest too much time in front of a television screen. The screen

emits certain rays which are unhealthy if the intake is large. Leave television, video, and video games as a last resort to killing boredom.

Thank you Faiza, Tehzeeb and Nirad for contributing work to the "Your Work" column. I am sure that all the Junior Times readers will enjoy them.

A reminder to all readers who wish to send work to "Your Work" entries may include stories, poems, artwork or ideas of all kinds. The address is Junior Times, Arab Times, P.O. Box 2270, 13023 Safat Kuwait.

Manal

Did you know

'Limey' is an American nickname for a British sailor. It was first used when the Admiralty issued all sailors with lime juice to stop them falling ill with the dreaded disease, scurvy, which is caused by lack of Vitamin C. The name limey has stuck ever since.

THE first name Sarah was not very popular in its original form. Sarah which in Hebrew meant quarrelsome or difficult. The simple change of the last letter to 'h' meant that Sarah became immensely popular all over the world for it then came to mean Princess!

One of the earliest dinosaurs discovered by nineteenth-century investigators was the so-called Iguanodon. However, when they first tried to reassemble its bones, they made two unfortunate mistakes. To begin with they assembled the bones to show the animal walking on four legs; later evidence showed that it only walked on two. Then, finding an odd spiked bone left over, they attached this to the Iguanodon's head, making it look like a unicorn. It turned out that this spike was really a type of thumb, which should have been attached to the creature's hand.

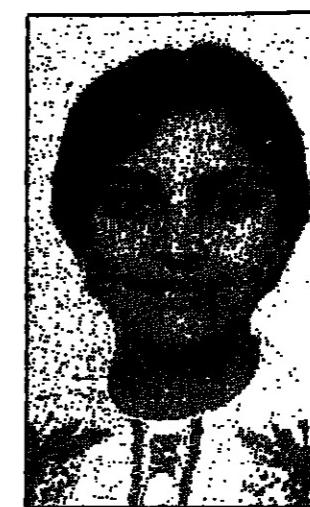
The first underground car park-built in Britain was opened in 1931 in Hastings.

THE last time that the notorious Paris prison, the Bastille, held any prisoners was on 14th of July, 1789 — the day when it was stormed at the beginning of the French Revolution. Not that there was a sudden mass of criminals escaping on the streets of Paris, because there were only seven captives inside at the time.

In 1912 the pilot of a biplane became the first to fly under all the bridges across the River Thames!

Alexei Leonov became the first man to float in space when he left Voskhod II for a short walk in March 1965.

London's first electric underground railway was opened in 1890.

Out in the wilderness

Send in work for "Your work" to the following address:
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He was born on a land
Full of sun and sand.

When he was small he was
naughty
As he grew he became haughty.
As he from me he was a
double.
Then for me became trouble.

If there was a fight.
He would always prove he
was right.
You can run, but you can't
hide,
Those were the lines he
chanted.

If I was stuck in a tuff position.
He would offer me a
decision.

If I would fall,
I would know who to call.
Sometimes he is very
annoying,
But sometimes he is very
funny.

Remember those happy
days,
Is all I can say.

They could never disappear,
Cause hearts are good for
souvenirs
I know someday we will
have to go our separate
ways.

I hope those days are still
far away.

Tell me how many sisters
he has brothers as good as
him.
Let me tell you: I have one.
And he is a lot of fun.
He is the only one I love.

**FIRSTS AND LASTS**

THE Venetian composer, Antonio Vivaldi, was the first to write concertos for a number of orchestral instruments including the flute, the clarinet and the bassoon.

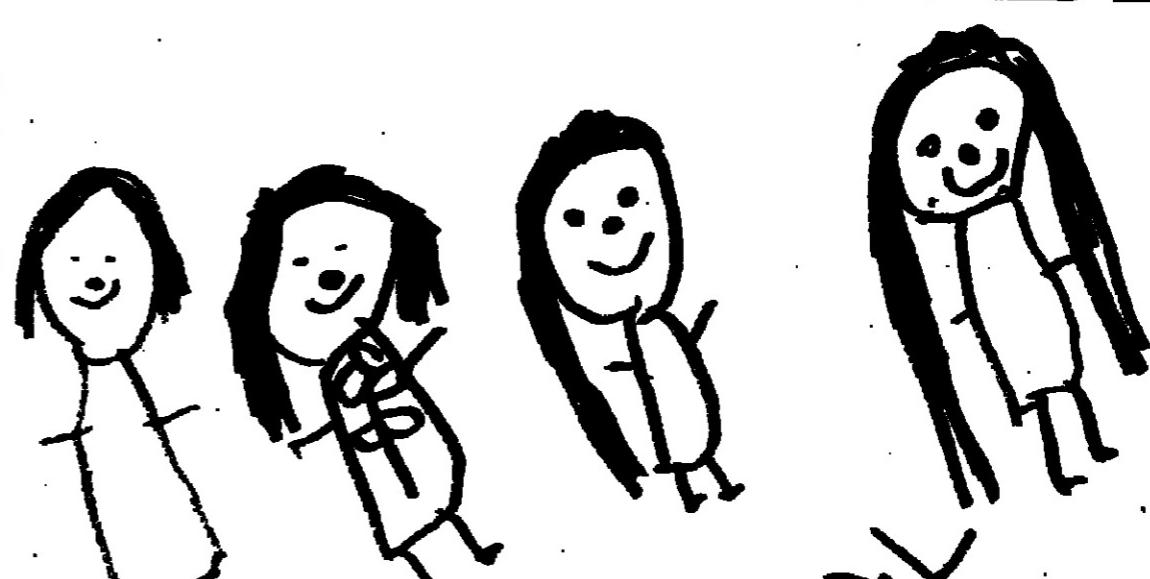
THE first steam voyage to India was made in 1825.

WHEN the phrase 'Mad as a hatter' was first coined it meant 'as poisonous as a viper'. The most poisonous snake in England was an adder or as we say now an adder. The phrase became most widely known through Lewis Carroll's book 'Alice in Wonderland'.

THE first international cricket match was played between Canada and the USA, hardly the leading cricketing countries today!

ALAN Shepard, the American in space, set another record when he became the first man to hit a golf ball on the moon!

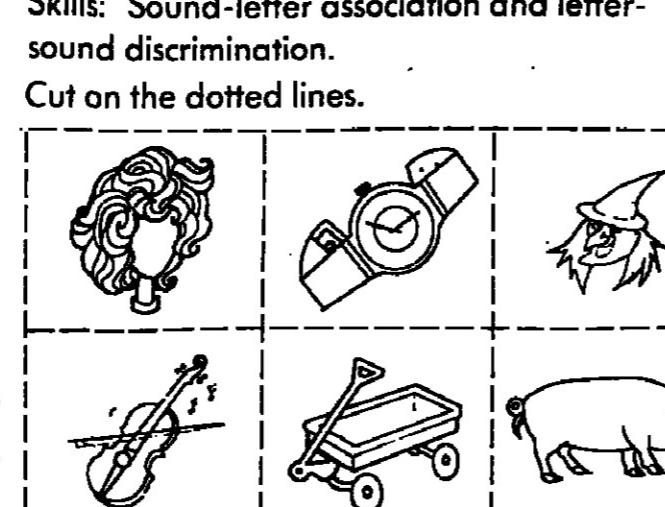
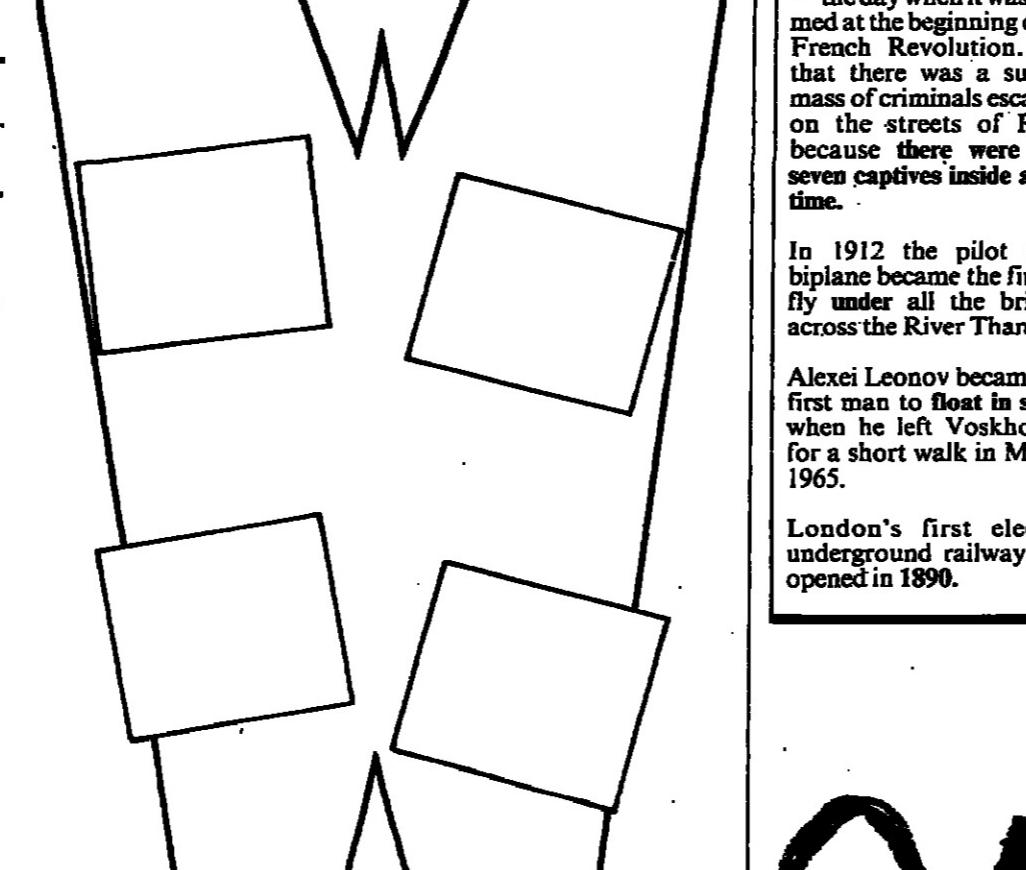
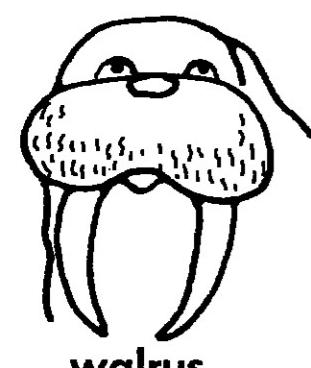
IN 1958 a nuclear-powered submarine sailed underneath the North Pole for the first time.



Nihaad
by Nihaad Huda
4 years old.

This is a w.
Here are some pictures of words that begin with w. Point to each picture. Say the words. Color the pictures. Trace the letter w with a pencil. Practice making the letter.

w **w** **w**



Amazing facts

In 1831 a boy of nine was hanged in England for arson.

A Hungarian wrote 32 lines of words on a single match stick.

It was claimed that a tiger shot by Colonel Jim Corbett in 1907 had killed 436 people in India.

All whales, porpoises, dolphins and sturgeon stranded on British shores must be offered to the Queen.

The human body contains enough phosphorus to make the heads of 2,000 matches, enough fat for seven bars of soap and enough iron to make one nail.

A 16-year old American did 6,006 press-ups in 3 hrs 54 minutes in 1965.

The first despatch from the Duke of Marlborough announcing his victory at Blenheim was written on the back of a tavern bill.

Originally the yo-yo was a Filipino jungle weapon.

A pride of 22 lions killed 1,500 Kenyans in one year.

Charles Frohman (1860-1915) was a Broadway producer, who owned a theatre, and controlled 5 others, managed 28 stars, and at his death left a net estate of \$451.

A horse has eighteen pairs of ribs, a human being has twelve.

Ambulances were developed by Napoleon's surgeon in Italian campaign of 1796-7.

King Alexander of Greece was bitten by a pet monkey in 1920 and died of blood poisoning.

Cars were first started by ignition in 1949.

Statuettes found in tombs in Changsha, China, revealed that the Chinese invented stirrups 1,675 years ago.

Crushed strawberries are useful for cleaning teeth and for relieving sunburn.

A snail can crawl over a razor-blade without cutting itself.

During their studies medical students increase their vocabulary by 10,000 words.

Almost one-eighth of the world's surface receives less than 25 cms (9.8ins) of rain a year.

Happy birthday



Dona Joseph Khalil celebrated her fifth birthday at the Entertainment City recently. She bravely took a turn at most of the games in the park before going home to blow out her birthday candles.

The young Lebanese hopes that she will celebrate her next birthday in a peaceful Lebanon.



Mohammed Akram turns 1 on July 18.



Anamica Choudhury turned 1 on July 12.



Sunil David turned 7 on July 15.



Look at the drawing and the fraction. Write a mixed number equal to the given fraction.

Example:

$$\frac{4}{3} = 1\frac{1}{3}$$

A.

$$\frac{5}{4} = \boxed{}$$

B.

$$\frac{3}{2} = \boxed{}$$

C.

$$\frac{7}{4} = \boxed{}$$

Just for laughs

Why are parrots always clever? Because they suck seed (succeed).

Why are there no aspirins in the jungle? Because the parrots ate em all. (Paracetemol).

Peter! Stop pulling the dog's tail like that!

"But it's him that's doing the pulling, Mum!"

Why was the young kangaroo thrown out by his mother? For smoking in bed.

When you go on a bus, do you prefer riding inside or on the top deck?

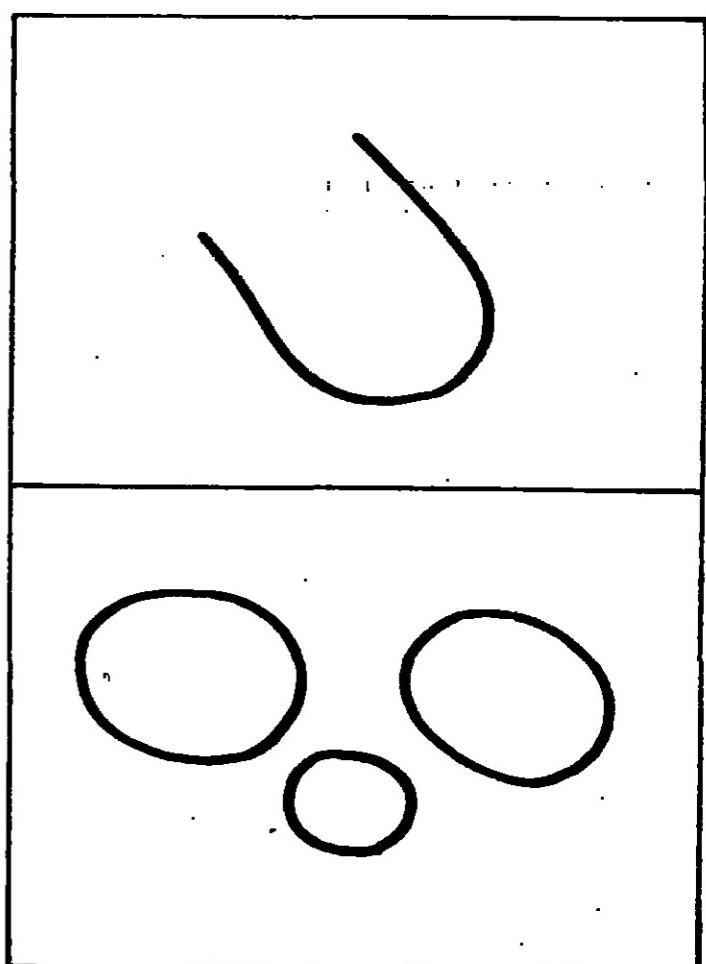
"Well, I prefer on top but I find it very difficult to get the horse up the stairs...."

Colouring time



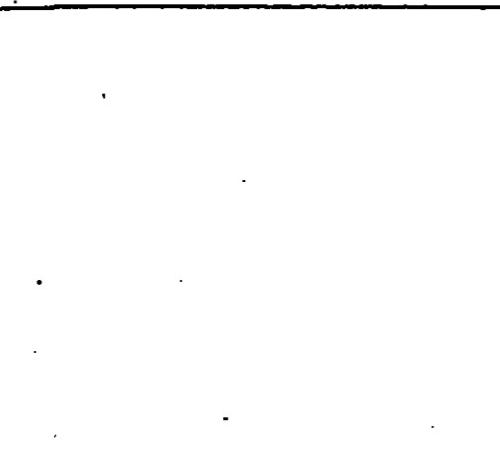
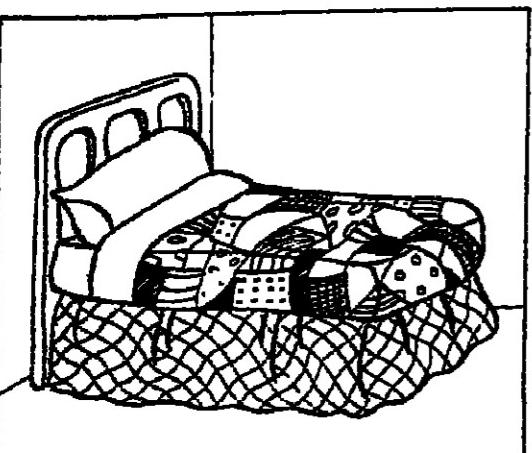
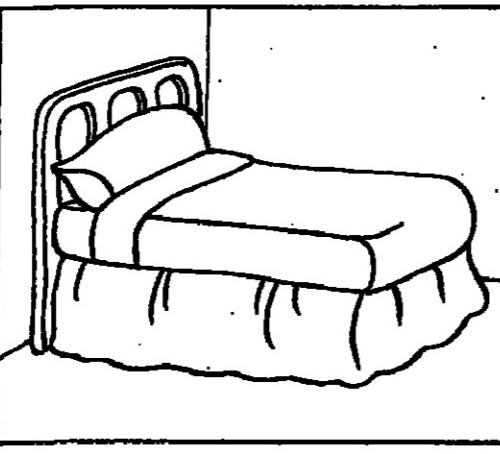
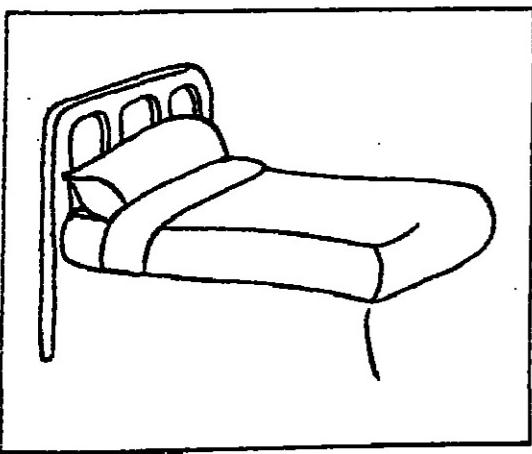
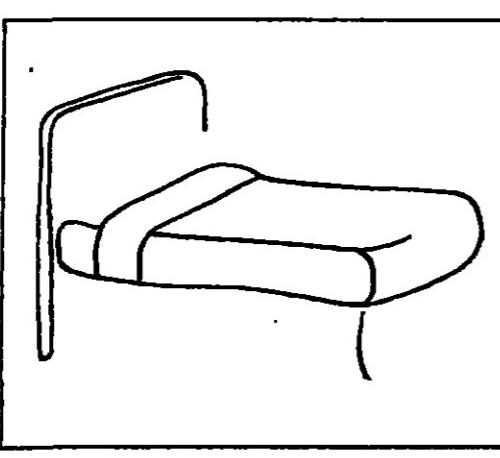
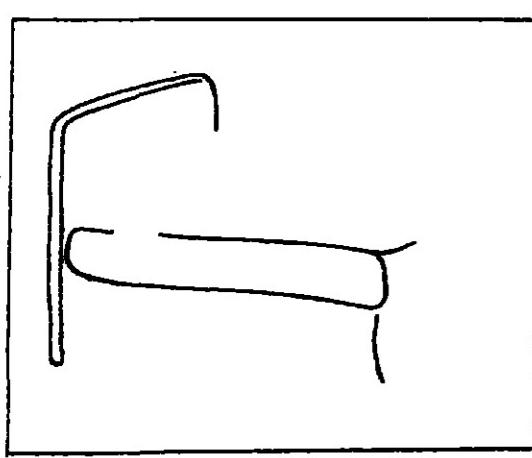
Draw and colour

Look at the lines in the boxes. Draw a picture using the lines as part of your picture. After you finish your picture, colour it.



Bedtime!

Make the first four pictures look like Little Grey Rabbit's bed, by drawing in the missing lines. Then draw your own picture of her bed.



**Draw 10 bees
in the honeycomb.**



Sums

$$6 + \boxed{} = 10 \quad \boxed{} + 5 = 10$$

$$10 - \boxed{} = 3 \quad 10 - \boxed{} = 4$$

$$\boxed{} + 2 = 10 \quad 0 + \boxed{} = 10$$

$$10 - 6 = \boxed{} \quad 10 - \boxed{} = 6$$

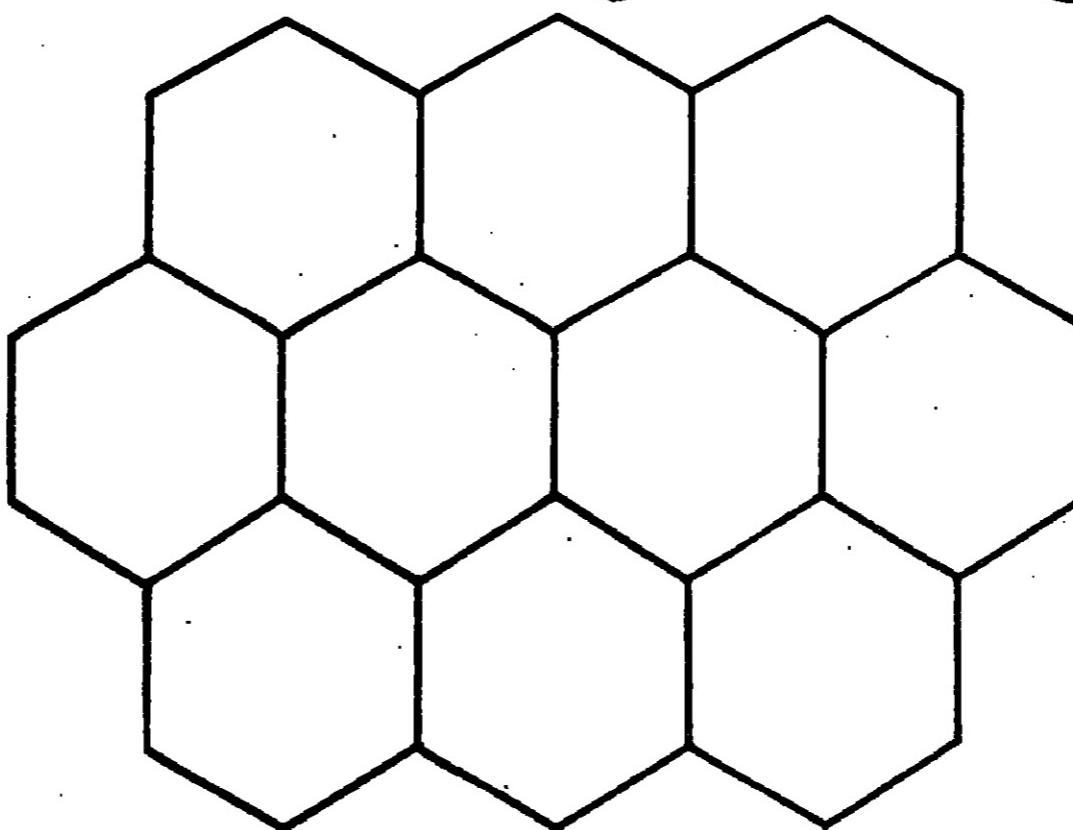
$$3 + \boxed{} = 10 \quad \boxed{} + 10 = 10$$

$$10 - \boxed{} = 5 \quad 10 - 10 = \boxed{}$$

$$\boxed{} + 9 = 10 \quad 8 + \boxed{} = 10$$

$$10 - 9 = \boxed{} \quad 10 - \boxed{} = 7$$

$$4 + \boxed{} = 10 \quad \boxed{} + 7 = 10$$



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SPORTS

Aldrich wins Hall of Fame tennis tourney

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, July 16, (UPI): Unseeded Pieter Aldrich, catching fire after a disastrous year so far on the pro tour, defeated Darren Cahill 7-6 (12-10), 1-6, 6-1, yesterday to win the \$150,000 tennis Hall of Fame Championships.

Aldrich, who was ranked 171st in the world going into this lone grass court

stop on American circuit, collected \$21,600 in winning his first pro title.

Aldrich's five victories this week were his first singles wins on the 1990 tour.

"I came to Newport to try and relax and have fun, to have a vacation week," said Aldrich, a native of South Africa whose ranking is expected to jump to 117 when the next rankings are announced.

"Maybe I'll go on vacation all the time."

After winning the lengthy tiebreaker in the first set, Aldrich's serve was broken in the fourth and sixth games of the second set. At 1-2, 30-30, a double-fault by Aldrich began a run in which Cahill won 13 of the final 15 points of the set.

"He played pretty good early in the second set, then great, and maybe I was a

little sluggish after the tiebreaker," said Aldrich, who now lives in Palm Desert, Calif. "His second set was very good and my third set was very good."

Aldrich broke Cahill, ranked 86th, in the second and fourth games of the third set along the way to a 5-0 lead, winning nine straight points during one stretch.

Padres outclass Pirates

PITTSBURGH, July 16, (AP): Ed Whitson extended his seven-year winning streak against Pittsburgh and San Diego hit three solo homers as the Padres beat the Pirates 4-1 yesterday in a Major League baseball game.

Eddie Williams, Tony Gwynn and Jack Clark homered for the Padres, who ended a four-game losing streak and the Pirates' four-game winning streak.

Whitson allowed just four hits and struck out four in seven innings. He also benefited from two double plays in improving his career record against Pittsburgh to 10-3.

Reds 2, Mets 1

Norm Charlton won his first start in two seasons and Eric Davis had a pair of RBI doubles for the Reds.

Charlton (7-4), promoted to the starting rotation, made his first start since Oct. 1, 1988, when he was a rookie. He pitched four perfect innings but tired in the fifth and sixth innings before reliever Rob Dibble came on in the seventh.

Charlton allowed two hits, struck out five and walked three. Mariano Duncan led off the Reds fourth with a double off Sid Fernandez (5-6) and Davis doubled him in two batters later. Duncan led off the sixth with a triple and Davis again doubled him home.

Cubs 5, Dodgers 1

Steve Wilson pitched the first complete game of his career and Dave Clark and Andre Dawson each drove in two runs as the Cubs snapped a six-game losing streak.

Wilson (3-5), making his first start since June 22, gave up six hits, tied a career-high with 10 strikeouts and didn't walk a batter.

Clark, getting a rare start, had an RBI single in the second inning and hit his second homer in the fourth off Tim Belcher (7-7).

Astros 6, Phillies 1

Danny Darwin continued his mastery of Philadelphia and Javier Ortiz drove in two runs for the Astros.

Darwin (3-1) went seven innings, allowing one run on eight hits and striking out four. He improved his record against the Phillies at the Astrodome to 4-0 and lowered his career earned run average against Philadelphia to 4.61.

Expos 16, Braves 14

Andres Galarraga hit a three-run homer in the sixth inning and drove in the tie-breaking run with a ninth-inning single as Montreal won a slugfest with Atlanta.

Results

	American League		
Kansas City	13	Boston	4
Chicago	8	New York	5
Minnesota	10	Baltimore	3
Detroit	3	Texas	2
Oakland	4	Milwaukee	1
Seattle	7	Cleveland	0
California	3	Toronto	2
National League	4	Pittsburgh	1
San Diego	4	Atlanta	14
Montreal	16	New York	1
Cincinnati	2	Los Angeles	1
Chicago	5	Philadelphia	6
Houston	6	St Louis	1

Capriati clinches crown

Fairbank fails to stop 14-year-old sensation



Capriati: wins first professional crown

CONWAY, New Hampshire, July 16, (AP): Jennifer Capriati now has a victory to go with her Grand Slam near misses.

The 14-year-old sensation won her first pro tennis title yesterday with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 victory over Ros Fairbank in the finals of the Mount Crammore International.

Before this exhibition, Capriati, of Tampa, Florida, made an impressive European debut by reaching the Wimbledon quarterfinals and the French Open semifinals. Since turning pro in March, Capriati had reached the finals in two other events.

Asked how this compared to her Grand Slam experiences, Capriati said, "It definitely ranks high, especially because I won it — so this will be in my memory."

Capriati represents the United States this week in the Federation Cup in Atlanta before participating in the US Open in late August.

Capriati had another first yesterday when she teamed with Fairbank to win her first doubles final. They defeated Kathy Rinaldi and Laura Gildemeister 6-4, 7-6 (7-5).

She got off to a shaky start against Fairbank — at 29 more than twice Capriati's age — losing the first two games due to double faults and unforced errors. But she broke Fairbank in the fifth game and went on to easily win the first set.

Fairbank kept Capriati on the run in sweltering 90-degree Fahrenheit (32 Celsius) temperatures, broke the 13th-ranked player's serve twice and blew four set points before finally evening the match.

Fairbank said she felt good going into the third set because she had come from behind, but suddenly got tired in the heat that Capriati said didn't bother her in the match which lasted 1 hour, 44 minutes.

"The fans have been very enthusiastic and that's been nice. It would have been nice if I got some of that support. (But) it was the fairy tale story ... everybody wanted Jennifer to take her first title at Mount Crammore," Fairbank said.

Capriati, who won \$25,000, took charge in the deciding set, breaking twice to pull ahead 4-1. Fairbank held serve to cut the lead to 5-3 before losing when she hit long.

Capriati attributed the second-set loss to Fairbank picking up momentum with her strong serve and more unforced errors on her part.

"I tried different stuff in the third set ... I came to the net, I even hit a drop shot," she said.

In previous finals, Capriati, who at 13 was the youngest woman to turn pro, lost to Gabriela Sabatini in her pro debut at Virginia Slims of Florida and to Martina Navratilova at Hilton Head.

Mayweather tames Alli

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, July 16, (AP): Roger Mayweather ousted Terence Alli to capture a freewheeling 10-round junior welterweight bout by a unanimous decision yesterday.

Mayweather, who formerly held world titles in the junior lightweight and junior welterweight divisions, captured his most significant victory in 14 months. Mayweather, who lost his World Boxing Council 140-pound (42.7-kilogramme) title to Julio Cesar Chavez last May, won his third straight bout.

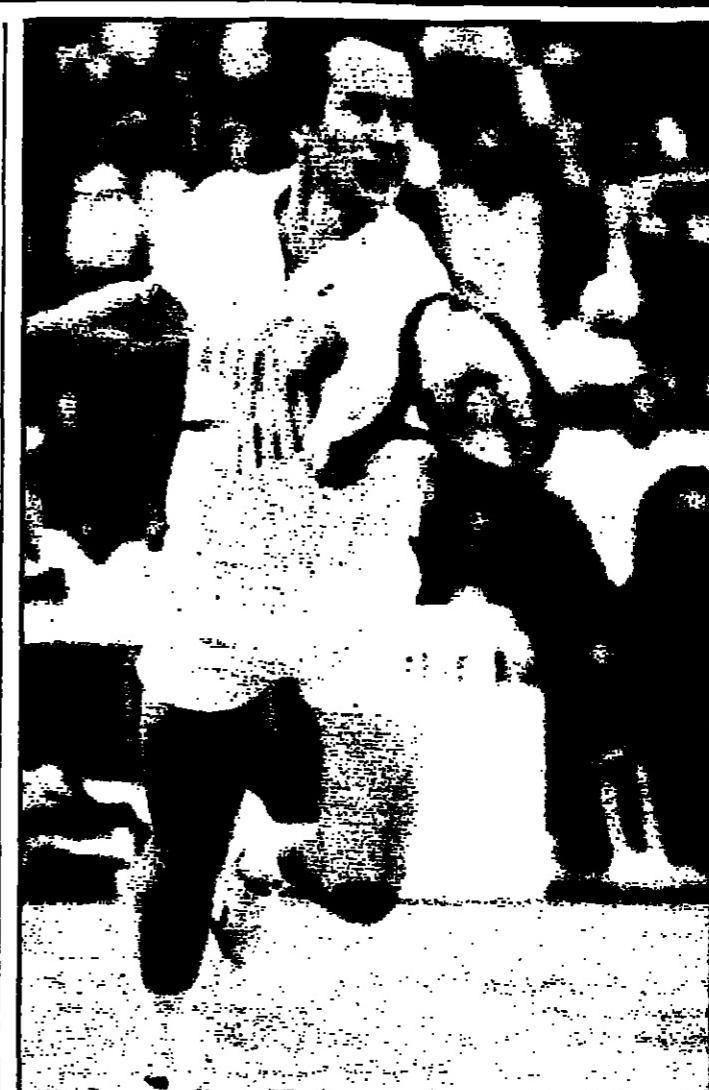
Mayweather, 37-6 with 24 knockouts, peppered Alli repeatedly with left hooks to the body. Using a significant reach advantage, he kept Alli outside and forced his opponent to lunge.

"I adjusted to the way he was coming at me," said Mayweather, of Las Vegas, Nevada. "He had his hand up by his head. I guess he wanted to walk through me. That left him open to the left hook to the body."

"I had to punch a lot on Angels today instead of straight up the middle because that's what he was offering me," he said.

Alli, of New York, fell to 44-7 with 18 knockouts.

"If I could have this fight back, I would move more laterally," he said.



John McEnroe: Back in action

McEnroe aims to regain form

WASHINGTON, July 16, (AP): John McEnroe begins his latest, and what he says may be his most critical, comeback attempt, when the Sovran Bank Classic opens today.

Andre Agassi is the top seed in the \$415,800 event, the first in the US summer hard-court season leading to next month's US Open.

McEnroe, a former No. 1-ranked player, has slipped to 12th in the rankings and is fighting at 31 to recover some of his past luster. He's seeded third in Washington.

"If I take a couple of steps in the wrong direction, in my opinion, I'll be out of tennis in six months," McEnroe said after his first-round loss at Wimbledon last month.

Also leading the 56-player field are No. 6 Brad Gilbert — seeded second — defending champ Tim Mayotte and Michael Chang. Aaron Krickstein and Jimmy Connors both withdrew due to injuries.

Agassi is trying to keep up the 1990 momentum that was highlighted by his runner-up finish in the French Open, his best showing in a Grand Slam event.

Chang, like McEnroe, is trying to reverse a slide. The 1980 French Open champion is ranked 22nd.

"I see the Sovran Bank Classic as being a great opportunity to help get ready for the US Open," said Chang.

That's the kind of talk tournament officials had hoped to hear more of when they switched to hard courts from clay four years ago.

But many players have been put off by Washington's cruel mid-summer weather, with humidity that can reach almost 100 percent as the temperature nears 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 Celsius). On court, the temperature often clears 100 (38C) and images in past tournaments have included such sights as Uruguay's Diego Perez dumping a large bucket of ice water over his head before refusing to continue play.

Rain has ravaged the schedule. The finals were postponed for a day the last two years.

Yachting Grand Prix planned

LONDON, July 16, (AP): An international Formula One class world yachting Grand Prix will begin in Scotland in August next year before sweeping across the globe with \$1 million prize money at stake, organisers said today.

The first series of races, open only to identical high-tech yachts, will be held in the Firth of Clyde near Glasgow, said John Mitchell, director of Challenge Group, which is organising the British leg.

Another early out was Willy T. Ribbs, the first black driver in Indy-car racing. Ribbs, whose personal mentor and team co-owner Bill Cosby was on hand for his first race, went out with an engine failure after 43 laps.

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Douglas and King settle breach of contract lawsuit out of court

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 16. (AP): World heavyweight boxing champion James "Buster" Douglas said last night he has agreed to a financial settlement in his breach of contract suit naming promoter Don King, according to a published report.

"I am totally relieved in one sense.

And that is that I am free of Don King," Douglas told the Columbus Dispatch. He spoke by telephone from New York, where the US District Court trial was to have entered its third week today.

"On the other hand, I would just like to say Don did an awful lot of

lying on the witness stand," Douglas said. "I got to say my piece briefly (for 35 minutes) on Friday, but I didn't get to get totally into it."

"I was prepared to expose this man for what he is."

Instead, the two sides — Douglas' included Las Vegas hotel-casino

owner Steve Wynn — decided yesterday to settle out of court. Attempts to reach King early today were fruitless.

Terms were not disclosed, but it is believed King and Atlantic City, New Jersey, hotel-casino owner Donald Trump, who claimed to have contractual rights through King for Douglas

fight with top contender Evander Holyfield, are to be paid a total of \$7 million.

In return, King won't have anything to do with the Douglas-Holyfield fight, tentatively set for Sept. 21 at Wynn's The Mirage Hotel-Casino. King will be the promoter of

note for Douglas' rematch with former champion Mike Tyson that will follow next year at the Mirage, but he will have no ties with Douglas.

"A settlement by no means means admission of guilt, certainly not in this case," Douglas said. "It's just a thing of getting on with life and get-

ting all of this behind us."

Last February, Douglas shocked the world with a 10th-round knockout of the heavily favoured Tyson in Tokyo. Douglas had risen from an eighth-round knockdown to take the undisputed world heavyweight crown.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Hockey games

THE hockey games, played on the Ahmadi grounds and organised by the Unity Cricket and Hockey Association, have been temporarily suspended due to the summer weather. All pending finals will be played in September prior to the commencement of the 1990-91 season. The team managers and secretaries should contact Mohamed Naeem Janjua, Tel No. 3984175 (Off) or 3987013 (residence) during the last week of August to confirm their participation in the next season.

Local bridge

RESULTS OF THE Regency Bridge Club game held on Sunday evening:
1. Jamila Akel & Nabil Akel
2. Dhruba Mukerjee & Adel Bayoumi
3. Bianca Mousali & Ahmed Tawil

Ban upheld

BERNE, July 16. (Reuters): The European Football Union (UEFA) said today it had upheld a five-match ban on Romanian Florin Raducioiu and a four-match suspension on his Dinamo Bucharest teammate Michael Klein. Klein was sent off in the first leg of the Cup Winners' Cup semifinal against Brugge's Anderlecht on April 11 and Raducioiu, who will move to Inter Milan's division two in the first leg two weeks later.

Rule condemned

LONDON, July 16. (Reuters): A 22-year-old Englishwoman is to complain to the world rowing body FISA about a rule that bars women from coxing male crews in international events. Bryony Carpenter, who hoped to cox for Britain in the under-23 world rowing championships in Austria in two weeks time, said the rule was "blatant discrimination" against women.

Qualifying record

SCOTSCRAIG, Scotland, July 16. (Reuters): Welshman Mark Mouland set a British Open golf qualifying record today with a 10 under 61. Mouland shot 11 birdies and one bogey to beat the previous best of 63, held by four players. Eleven equals the European tour record for birdies. The 61 gave the Welshman a 36-hole total of 129, 13 under par, and a place in his first St Andrews Open, starting on Thursday.

Title fight

SYDNEY, July 16. (Reuters): Australian Jeff Fenech's ill-health has given Azumah Nelson an early chance to regain his World Boxing Council (WBC) super-featherweight title. Fenech was to fight Puerto Rican Juan LaPorte in Sydney on Saturday for the vacant title but the unbeaten Australian withdrew after falling sick for the second time in two months.

Cameroon player

MADRID, July 16. (Reuters): Cameroonian World Cup midfielder Cyrille Makandé has signed a three-year contract with Malaga in the Spanish second division, a club spokesman said today. He will receive details of the cost of the transfer of 25-year-old Makandé from French second division side Toulon to Malaga, relegated from the first division last season.

Hatalsky wins

SUTTON, Massachusetts, July 16. (AP): Morris Hatalsky birdied three of the last four holes and won the \$900,000 Bank of Boston classic by one stroke yesterday for his first PGA victory in two years. After dropping two strokes behind with a bogey on the 14th hole, Hatalsky rebounded to finish with a 3-under 68 and a 9-under 273 total at the Pleasant Valley Country Club.

King triumphs

DULUTH, Georgia, July 16. (AP): Betsy King overcame a 11-shot deficit over the final 33 holes to win her second consecutive US Women's Open yesterday as Patty Sheehan let an eight-shot lead slip away over the final 23 holes. Rain forced a final day with 36 holes of play and King shot 71 and 70 for a 4-under-par 284 total and the one-shot victory over Sheehan who had rounds of 75 and 76 yesterday.

\$7.23m deal

BUDAPEST, July 16. (UPI): Hungarian soccer player Lajos Detari, who yesterday signed with Italian League side Bologna, said the deal ends years of life on the wrong track. According to the Budapest daily newspaper Mai Nap, the transfer fee for Detari will total 12 million Deutsch marks (\$7.23 million).

Injury problems

PARIS, July 16. (UPI): Frenchman Laurent Pignon, a two-time Tour de France winner and runner-up last year, won't ride in the World Cycling Championship in September because of continuing injury problems.

Sports minister

BUDAPEST, July 16. (UPI): A former sports consultant to the Canadian Sports Ministry, Rezsö Gallov, replaces Tamás Tibor as Hungary's Minister of Sports, the official state news agency MTI said today. Gallov, a former Hungarian water polo international, spent the last five years advising the Canadian Sports Ministry, the agency said.

Chiappucci stays ahead

Mottet wins 15th stage of Tour



Mottet raises his arms in victory after winning the 15th stage. (Reuter wirephoto)

REVEL, France, July 16. (AP): Claudio Chiappucci added three seconds to his slim lead in the Tour de France today, as the leaders rode a conservative 15th stage and allowed France's Charles Mottet to win the leg by nearly five minutes.

Greg LeMond, Eric Breukink and Pedro Delgado finished the relatively flat 170-kilometre (105.5 mile) leg from Millau to Revel just behind Chiappucci, leaving the top of the standings virtually unchanged.

The overall leader improved his margin to 1.52 over Breukink, 2.24 over LeMond and 4.29 over Delgado with six stages remaining.

Mottet finished the stage in 4 hours, 13 minutes, 56 seconds, averaging a fast 40 kph (25 mph).

Temperatures cooled slightly with a gentle breeze but temperatures were still close to 27 degrees Celsius (80 Fahrenheit).

Tomorrow's stage, rated the second most difficult, looks to be the most important of the tour with three major climbs in the Pyrenees mountains on the way to Luz Ardiden.

Although Chiappucci has the yellow jersey, LeMond regards Breukink and Delgado as the major rivals before the Tour concludes Sunday in Paris on the Champs Elysees.

Tomorrow's leg will be relatively flat for the first 150 kilometres (93.5 miles) of the 215-kilometre (133.5-mile) stage.

Then it gets difficult — very difficult.

Of three consecutive climbs, one is a first category followed by two rated "out of category," ranked on the angle of grade, length and difficulty.

First is the Aspin Peak, almost 1,500 metres high (4,900 feet). Then comes the Tourmalet Peak, about 1,700 metres (5,600), the highest main road in the Pyrenees.

Finally comes Luz Ardiden.

The 16th stage is the third longest of the 1990 tour and has some history. The first two passes were part of the first Pyrenean crossing in 1910.

LeMond, the two-time champion, feels that the key to the race will be the final two mountain stages, especially the route to Luz Ardiden.

Delgado will be especially dangerous. The Spaniard is a noted climber and very motivated this year. He will have a number of home country supporters as the Tour enters the mountain range that borders France and Spain.

But LeMond isn't afraid.

"I prefer it to be tough," LeMond said. "Usually I am very consistent. When I have a weak day, I usually don't manage to lose time. I am counting on Luz Ardiden to make the difference."

LeMond is not anxious to tell his strategy in going up to the mountain. "If I told it, everybody would know," LeMond said.



Malcolm: four for 21



Younis: four for 27

Derbyshire share lead



At Cheamford: Essex beat Northamptonshire by six wickets. Northamptonshire 233 for seven innings closed (A. Fordham 74, D. Carel 56). Essex 239 for four in 38.2 overs (J. Stephenson 66, D. Pringle 61 not out, M. Waugh 53). Essex four points.

At Southampton: Hampshire beat Nottinghamshire by seven runs. Hampshire 267 for six innings closed (R. Smith 77, D. Gower 66 not out, R. Scott 53, M. Nicholas 46 not out). Nottinghamshire 260 for eight innings closed (C. Broad 86, T. Robinson 44, J. Aylng four for 37). Hampshire four points.

Standings

English Sunday League cricket table after the latest round of matches (tabulara under — played, wo, lost, tied, no result, points):	
Derbyshire	11 9 2 0 0 36
Middlesex	12 9 3 0 0 28
Kent	10 7 3 0 0 28
Leicestershire	11 6 2 0 2 28
Notts	11 5 4 0 1 24
Hampshire	11 5 4 0 1 24
Gloucester	11 5 5 0 1 22
Yorkshire	11 5 5 0 1 22
Essex	10 5 5 0 0 20
Surrey	10 5 5 0 0 20
Sussex	11 5 6 0 0 20
Glamorgan	11 4 6 0 0 16
Warwickshire	10 4 6 0 0 16
Worcester	11 4 7 0 0 16
Sussex	10 3 6 0 0 14
Leicester	11 3 8 0 0 12
Northants	10 2 8 0 0 8

■ Worcestershire cricket chairman Duncan Fearnley hit back today at media claims that Zimbabwean Graeme Hick lacked a big match temperament.

The 24-year-old qualifies for England next year but failed to impress when he scored just one run for his county in Saturday's Benson and Hedges Cup final against Lancashire.

Often a big-hitter, Hick has failed to shine on one or two major occasions this season after breaking his finger.

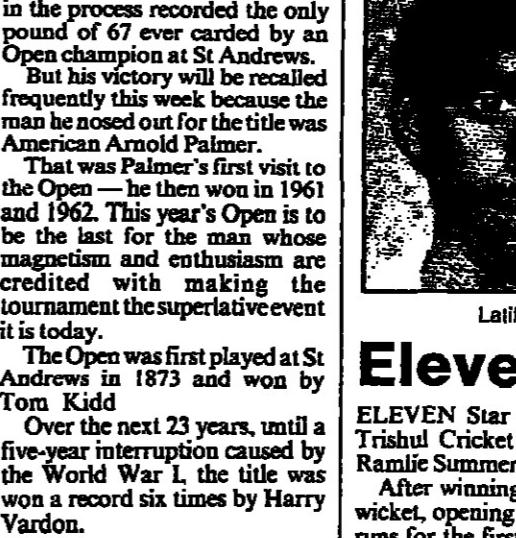
"I have watched the guy for six or seven years and there is no doubt in my mind about his temperament," said Fearnley.

"I am sure when he gets into the big time with England he is capable of stepping his game up to meet the demands of the occasion and will get his fair share of runs."

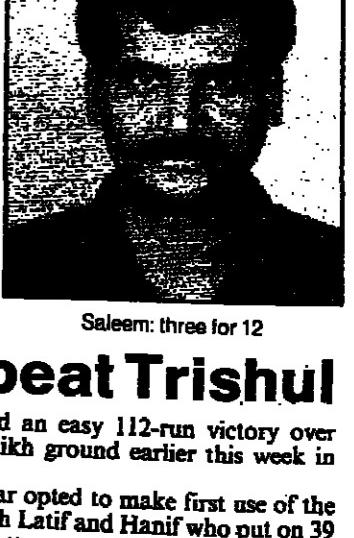
St Andrews' old course most revered by golfers



Romanian World Cup soccer star Gheorghe Hagi (left), nicknamed the "Maradona of the Carpathians," leads his childhood sweetheart Elena after marrying her in Constanta, Romania, on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



Latif: 55 runs



Saleem: three for 12



in the process recorded the only pound of 67 ever carded by an Open champion at St Andrews. But his victory will be recalled frequently this week because the man he nosed out for the title was American Arnold Palmer.

That was Palmer's first visit to the Open — he then won in 1961 and 1962. This year's Open is to be the last for the man whose magnetism and enthusiasm are credited with making the tournament the superlative event it is today.

The Open was first played at St Andrews in 1873 and won by Tom Kidd.

Over the next 23 years, until a

five-year interruption caused by

World War I, the title was

won a record six times by Harry Vardon.

There were four open at St

Andrews between the wars and

without doubt the outstanding

winner of those four was

American Bobby Jones in 1927.

He led from start to finish and

never looked in any danger.

Three years later he went on to

win what was then the Grand

Slam of golf, the British and US

Opens and Amateur Championships.

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